

WHAT SETTLERS SAY
OF THE
CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.

A PLAIN STATEMENT

OF THE
EXPERIENCES OF FARMERS
RESIDENT IN THE COUNTRY.

1886.

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THIS pamphlet consists of the experiences of men settlers in all parts of the Canadian North-West on various points. The replies to the various questions were given in the months of October and November, 1885, and are, therefore, in every possible way representative of the country as it is to-day. Care has been taken to make no selection of the replies, except where substantially the same reply is given by many, in which case the number is stated so far as possible. The language of the writer is given as written, in proof of which the originals may be consulted at any time on application to Alexander Begg, Canadian Pacific Railway Offices, 88, Cannon Street, London, E.C. A general description of the country, which the present pamphlet supplements, may be found in the illustrated pamphlet, "Manitoba," to be had free on application as above. A sequel to the present issue has also been published under the title, "What Women Say of the Canadian North-West." This, too, may be had free on demand.

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Stark, Wm. ...	Mellendean, Roseberry P.O.		
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		Winter, Thos. G. ...	Edgeley Farm P.O., Qu'Appelle.
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Thompson, Wm. ...	Miami P.O.		
Thomson, E. A. ...	Shoal Lake, Man.		
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CAPITAL REQUIRED.

IN dealing with this subject it cannot be too often or too strongly pointed out that the money found ample to start one settler may be quite insufficient to start another. It is practically impossible to name any distinct sum and declare to all comers "With that amount at your back you may expect to succeed." So much depends upon the habits of life, powers of the new settler to make good use of what he has and so on. With this understanding it may, however, be said that with ordinary care and an average knowledge of the ways of farming, a settler may be able to take up a Government free grant and commence land operations on from £150 to £200. The more his capital exceeds these sums the better his chance of a speedy competency. It will be seen that many who are now owners of successful North-West farms commenced with even less than £100. This is, of course, still possible in some exceptional cases, but it is not generally desirable that any one with so small a capital should at once take up land on his own account. His proper course under such circumstances is, first of all, to engage himself to assist a good farmer, that he may learn the ways of the country, have time to look round for a desirable location, and add to his capital, so as to allow of his commencing a farm of his own in a year or two with fair chance of success.

The experiences of settlers on this point are as follows. Their present postal addresses in the North-West may be found on pages 3—6. The addresses given on pages 7—10 show their nationality and their residence prior to settlement on the prairie.

Name.	Former Residence in Old Country.	When settled.	Capital at commencement, in £.	Value of Farm Oct., 1885.
Proctor, Henry	England, Slaidburn, Yorkshire	June, 1883	Nothing	With present improvements 4,000l. 500l.
Bell, John C.	Nova Scotia, West New Annan	June, 1879	Nothing	
McKibbin, John P.	Ireland, Caledon, co. Tyrone	May, 1879	None at all	3,000l.
Morton, Thomas L.	England, Plymouth	June, 1873	None	340l.
Carduff, J. P.	Ireland, Kerryduff, co. Down	1879	Nothing	800l. to 1,000l.
Hipkins, Alfred	England, Bloomfield, Tipton, South. Staffordshire	July, 1882	No capital. Was an Assistant in Dry Goods Stores	Cheap at 640l.
Danogh, Joseph	Ireland, Strabane	...	Nothing	240l.
Harward, Frederick T. L.	India, Educated in England, Wellington College, Berks	March, 1881	Nine shillings and fourpence	300l.
Moore, Robert	Ontario, Lindsay P.O.	April, 1881	Twelve shillings and sixpence.	500l.
Turton, John	England, Holbeck, near Leeds, Yorks	1874	One span of horses and waggon	240l.
Smith, Thomas	England, Hartlebury, Worcestershire	May, 1883	None. Have worked and earned it since I came to this country.	200l.
Scott, Adam	Scotland, Hawick	April, 1882	Only a small capital	700l.
McDougald, Duncan	Scotland, Bomore P.O., Islay, Argyllshire	1874	Very limited	800l.
Smith, A.	Scotland, Aberdeen	1878	Very little	200l.
Makey, Donald	Scotland, Tofingall, Watton, Caithness	March, 1881	Two teams of horses, four cows two sheep, waggon, harness, and some money	640l.
Shields, William	Ontario, Kainburn P.O.	May, 1879	None	400l.
Dalzell, Thomas	Ireland, co. Armagh	1872	Span of horses and household effects	1,000l.
Coggrave, Wm.	Ireland, Belfast	1882	Very small	I would not take less than 512l.
McKenzie, James	Scotland, Ullapool, Ross-shire	1877	Commenced with a good deal in Ontario, but lost it there; had very little to start on in the NW	I think it worth about 800l.
Christopherson, Her-nit	Iceland, Reykjahlie, Thingeyjarsysla	1884	17, 12l.	160l.
Logan, Isaac B.	Nova Scotia, Stewiacke, Colchester co.	June, 1882	4l. entry money for homestead and pre-emption	600l.
Miller, Wm.	Scotland, Earlston, Berwickshire	1873	Came to Winnipeg with 4l. and span of horses and wagon	2,400l.
McKinnon, John	Ontario, Chepstow P.O. Bruce co.	May, 1882	54l.	400l.
Bond, Wm. W.	England, Bideford, North Devon	1874	About 5l. or 6l.	Wouldn't like to take less than 400l.
Christopherson, Sig-urdur	Iceland, Reykjahlie P.O., via Myvaln	1881	10l. was all I had when I came	1,000l. Will be double that value when the railroad is built.
McCutcheon, Joseph	Ontario, Markdale P.O.	May, 1883	19l.	1,000l.
Brown, Robert	England, Sunnyside Terrace, Carlisle	June, 1882	20l.	600l.
Stephens, John	England, Wainfleet, Boston	April, 1881	20l.	From 600l. to 1,000l.
Salter, Richard	England, Exmouth, Devon	1848	20l.	Do not know, but considerable.
Bleakley, F. W.	United States, Michigan	March, 1882	20l., about	600l.
Duncan, John	Ontario, Lambton co.	1877	20l., about	1,000l.; would not take less.
Johnson, Josiah	England, Hull	1881	20l.	160l.

Name.	Former Residence in Old Country.	When settled.	Capital at commencement, in £.	Value of Farm, Oct., 1885.
McArthur, D. J. ...	Ontario, Bruce co. ...	1882	30 $\frac{1}{2}$., about ...	Ought to fetch 400 $\frac{1}{2}$. Land will go up when we get N.W. Central R. R. 1,200 $\frac{1}{2}$., about.
McClelland, W.	Ireland, Derrygonnelly, Fermanagh co.	1871	30 $\frac{1}{2}$., about ...	1,600 $\frac{1}{2}$., was offered me two years ago. 288 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Miller, Thos. F.	United States (Western States)	1876	30 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	400 $\frac{1}{2}$., estimated at. 160 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Rothwell, W.	Ireland, Goldengrove, Roscrea	June, 1882	40 $\frac{1}{2}$., and annuity ...	1,000 $\frac{1}{2}$., Not less if I wished to sell. 800 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Connell, Robert ...	Ontario, Poole P.O., Perth co.	July, 1881	40 $\frac{1}{2}$., and a span of horses ...	350 $\frac{1}{2}$., Refused 240 $\frac{1}{2}$., fifteen months ago, when no prospect of r'lwy. 600 $\frac{1}{2}$., Not less and think it worth more. 200 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Hay, Charles D.	England, Lymington, Hants	1882	40 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	1,200 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Patterson, Abraham ...	Ontario, Centralia P.O.	Sept., 1877	50 $\frac{1}{2}$., and one span of horses ...	500 $\frac{1}{2}$., about.
Goodwin, Wm.	England, Buxton, Derbyshire	1883	50 $\frac{1}{2}$., about ...	200 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Molland, James ...	Ontario, St. Ives, Middlesex co.	May, 1879	60 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	320 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Carr, Wm.	England, Hensall, Nr Selby, Yorks.	August, 1885	60 $\frac{1}{2}$., about ...	350 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Phillips, Samuel ...	England, St. Austell, Cornwall	June, 1879	60 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	300 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Lothian, Wm.	Scotland, Coldingham, Berwickshire	July, 1880	60 $\frac{1}{2}$., about ...	350 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Semple, Thos.	Scotland, Lisinabagow, Lanarkshire	1882	60 $\frac{1}{2}$., under ...	300 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Martin, Orson ...	Ontario ...	April, 1881	60 $\frac{1}{2}$., and pair of mules ..	300 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
West, Edward (J.P.) ...	England, Hull ...	July, 1881	60 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	1,200 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Bailey, Duncan ...	Ontario, Guelph P.O.	1875	75 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	500 $\frac{1}{2}$., about.
Ellis, John ...	Nova Scotia, Upper Stewiacke, Colchester	1881	80 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	200 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
McGhee, James ...	Scotland, New Deer	1882	80 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	500 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
McLachlan, D. F.	Ontario, White Lake P.O., Lanark co. ...	1880	80 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	400 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Finch, Wm.	England, Ross, Herefordshire	June, 1878	80 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	800 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Moir, John A.	Scotland, Crofthead, Tarbolton, Ayrshire	June, 1877	90 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	300 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Steven, James ...	Scotland, East Hill, Lanark	1882	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	400 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Gardiner, James ...	Scotland, Woodhead, Edingight Grange, via Keith	1878	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	300 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Miller, James ...	Scotland, Highlands...	Spring, 1884	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	500 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Traguar, Robert ...	Scotland, 26, Bride St., Edinburgh	June, 1882	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	Say 400 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Robinson, William ...	Ontario, Goderich Town, co. of Huron	April, 1882	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	1,000 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Oliver, Thomas ...	Scotland, Roxburghshire	June, 1877	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	600 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Winter, Thos. G. ...	England, Oaklands, Beaumont Park, Huddersfield	May, 1882	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	Stock implements, &c., 1,000 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Carter, Thos.	England ...	May, 1879	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	600 $\frac{1}{2}$.,
Astley, W. J. and } Lanyon, R. E. ... }	England ...	June, 1882	100 $\frac{1}{2}$., ...	

Name.	Former Residence in Old Country.	When settled.	Capital at commencement, in £.	Value of Farm, Oct., 1885.
Roberts, L. L. ...	England, 190, Carlton Road, Sheffield	May, 1880	100/.	No market value (in such a new country).
Bill, Ingram ...	Nova Scotia, Hentville	Spring, 1882	100/.	With improvements worth 300/.
Bannister, D. W. ...	England, Evesham, Worcestershire	October, 1881	100/.	800/.
Ralston, John ...	Quebec, Wakefield, Ottawa co.	1873	100/.	2,000/., would not take less.
Heming, James ...	Ontario, Berkeley P.O., Grey co.	October, 1881	100/.	400/.
Seebach, Otto (J.P.)	Ontario, Sebringville, co. Perth	Spring, 1882	100/.	300/.
Patton, Robert ...	Ireland ...	1879	120/.	300/.
Dawson, N. ...	U.S.A., Fort Union	1871	120/.	2,000/.
Malcolm, James ...	Scotland, Drumquharn Farm, Killearn, Stirlingshire	April, 1883	120/., about	260/., about.
Dutton, John R. ...	England, Dairy Farm, Saughton, near Chester	May, 1883	120/.	240/., about; could mortgage for that easily.
Cleveland, James H.	Scotland ...	1880	120/.	600/.
Ellison, Michael ...	England, Allendale, Northumberland	May, 1877	120/.	Cannot say.
Moore, Joseph ...	Ireland, Desertserges, co. Cork	1882	140/.	600/.
Robinson, William ...	Ireland, Middletown, co. Armagh	1881	140/.	400/., about.
Allen, Wm. ...	England, Halifax, Yorkshire	April, 1884	140/., about	7 dols. per acre, i.e., 224/.
Jamieson, James M.	Ontario, Kirkwall P.O., Wentworth co.	1877	160/.	800/.
Middleton, Frank ...	Ontario, Huron co.	1880	160/., about, and a cartload of stock and household effects.	600/.
Mann, John ...	Scotland, Blantyre Mills	Nov., 1870	160/., about	1,200/., about.
Parsons, James ...	Engl'd, Dilton's Marsh, Westbury, Wilts.	1882	160/.	Namarket value, new country.
Burnett, Frank ...	Scotland, Peterhead, Aberdeen	April, 1880	180/.	700/.
Kindred, Alex. ...	Scotland, Brandon Place, Netherwell, Lanarkshire	May, 1884	200/.	2,000/.
Lloyd, Alfred ...	Engl'd, Tetbury, Glos.	June, 1884	200/.	300/.
Huddleston, Thomas	England, Staveley, near Kendal	1864	200/., about	3,200, whole estate and effects (Jan. 1, 1885).
Turner, James E. ...	England, Treverrow Farm, Tywardreath, Cornwall	August, 1877	200/., about	800/., including buildings, &c.
Bennett, W. H. ...	England, Liverpool	May, 1884	200/.	Very little until railway comes here (Littlton Sn. Man.).
McKinnon, John ...	Scotland, Skipness, Argyllshire	1874	200/.	3,000/.
Mawby, Geo. T. ...	England, Bourne, Lincolnshire	Spring, 1880	200/.	600/.
Mackay, R. ...	Ontario, Bradford	June, 1883	200/.	4,000/.
Patterson, R. M.	Ireland ...	1876	200/., about	800/.
Beattie, Andrew ...	Scotl'd, Castle Douglas	1878	200/.	200/.*
Sissons, Thomas ...	Ontario, Selton P.O., co. Kent	Sept., 1871	200/., about	6,000/.

* These settlers must obviously be excluding in their calculation the value of improvements, buildings, stock, &c.

Name.	Former Residence in Old Country.	When settled.	Capital at commencement, in £.	Value of Farm, Oct., 1885.
Crowell, W. N. ...	Ontario, Croton P.O.	May, 1884	240 <i>l.</i>	600 <i>l.</i>
Mackenzie, Alex. ...	Scotland, 10, Forbes Street, Edinburgh	Spring, 1879	250 <i>l.</i>	600 <i>l.</i>
Averill, Octavius ...	England, Broadway, Worcester	July, 1880	280 <i>l.</i>	400 <i>l.</i>
Gray, John L. ...	Scotland, Ferrintosh, Ross-shire	1879	300 <i>l.</i>	1,200 <i>l.</i> , was offered years ago, with less improvements.
Barclay, James ...	Sc't'd, Beith, Ayrshire	June, 1883	400 <i>l.</i> when I arrived in Winnipeg	320 <i>l.</i> *
Graham, Robert ...	Ontario, Teviotdale ...	March, 1884	400 <i>l.</i>	600 <i>l.</i>
Hunter, James M. ...	Ireland, Armagh	April, 1882	400 <i>l.</i>	800 <i>l.</i>
McFarland, Joseph ...	Ireland, Cavan	August, 1874	400 <i>l.</i>	3,400 <i>l.</i>
Plaxton, William ...	Ontario, London	Summer, 1879	400 <i>l.</i>	1,000 <i>l.</i>
McGhie, Lewis ...	Scotland, Ironside, New Deer, Aberdeenshire	May, 1882	400 <i>l.</i>	200 <i>l.</i> *
Miller, Francis B. ...	England, Liverpool	October, 1880	500 <i>l.</i>	800 <i>l.</i>
Workman, Alfred (J.P.)	England, Dursley, Gloucestershire	1880	500 <i>l.</i>	Cannot get a bid for it at all.
Weightman, Elizabeth (Mr. W. T.)	England, Belford, Northumberland	June, 1882	500 <i>l.</i>	800 <i>l.</i>
Savory, Herbert W.	England, Field Dulling, Durham	July, 1880	500 <i>l.</i>	800 <i>l.</i> exclusive of stock.
Campion, R. E. ...	Ontario, Belleville, Hastings co.	1883	600 <i>l.</i>	1,200 <i>l.</i>
Hedley, William ...	England, Otterburn, Newcastle-on-Tyne	July, 1880	600 <i>l.</i>	90 <i>l.</i> *
Caffery, D. ...	Ireland, Cumber, co. Down	Spring, 1883	600 <i>l.</i>	2,000 <i>l.</i>
Coubrough, A. S. ...	England, Liverpool	March, 1882	600 <i>l.</i>	2,000 <i>l.</i>
Thompson, Wm. ...	England, Broughton, Cumberland	1875	600 <i>l.</i>	1,400 <i>l.</i>
Lacey, John M. ...	England, Walton, near Loughboro'	Dec., 1883	700 <i>l.</i>	700 <i>l.</i> to 1,000 <i>l.</i>
Nicholson, John ...	England, St. Bees, Cumberland	1880	700 <i>l.</i> , about	Difficult to form a standard.
Daubney, W. H. ...	England, Nottingham	August, 1881	800 <i>l.</i>	640 <i>l.</i> *
Day, Samuel ...	Ontario, St. Thomas	April, 1882	800 <i>l.</i> I and two sons	1,600 <i>l.</i>
Kenton, John ...	Scotland, Berwick	April, 1880	800 <i>l.</i> to 1,000 <i>l.</i> , at least	Rather not say, railway to De- loraine will treble land values here.
Stark, William ...	Scotland, Mellindean, Kelso	May, 1879	1,000 <i>l.</i>	1,600 <i>l.</i> to 2,000 <i>l.</i>
Kirchhoffer, Rd. B.	Ireland, Macroom, co. Cork	Spring, 1882	1,000 <i>l.</i> , about	1,300 <i>l.</i> , about.
McKnight, Rd. (J.P.)	Ireland	1879	1,000 <i>l.</i>	2,000 <i>l.</i>
Stevenson, F. W. ...	England, London	May, 1883	1,000 <i>l.</i>	2,000 <i>l.</i>
Blythe, Richard ...	England, Herne Hill, Surrey	October, 1883	1,000 <i>l.</i> , about altogether	Value of home, offices, and improvements
Ball, Charles ...	England	March, 1882	1,000 <i>l.</i>	4,000 <i>l.</i>
Jones, Thomas ...	England, Hill Top, West Bromwich	Nov., 1884	1,200 <i>l.</i>	1,000 <i>l.</i> *
Smith, William ...	England, Swineshead, near Boston	May, 1881	1,200 <i>l.</i> to 1,400 <i>l.</i>	Dollar per acre.
Cooper, F. Douglas	Ireland, Killane, Enniscorthy	April, 1884	1,400 <i>l.</i>	600 <i>l.</i> and farm and stock.
Bell, P. C. ...	England, St. Dominic, Cornwall	1880	1,400 <i>l.</i>	—
South, T. N. ...	England, London	1877	2,000 <i>l.</i>	400 <i>l.</i> , over.*
Wright & Sons, Thos.	Spring, 1882	7,000 <i>l.</i>	7,400 <i>l.</i>

* These settlers must obviously be excluding in their calculation the value of improvements, buildings, stock, &c.

HINTS TO NEW COMERS.

Points of value to intending settlers are often to be found in the letters of actual residents who have been "through the mill," so to speak. Some hints and suggestions of this nature are therefore appended. The full postal addresses of each settler are given on pages 3—6.

Mr. J. M. HUNTER:—"I am satisfied any wise economical man will do well here. I would advise all men and women in the North of Ireland who want to get an independent home for themselves and families to come to Manitoba or the North-West of Canada, where they will be their own masters, and they will never regret it. This opinion is from a sincere friend. The above class of people are the nearest and dearest to me, and that is the reason I advise."

Mr. J. McCUTCHEON:—"Yes, I am perfectly satisfied. I think the prospects are as good as we can expect. We have got the soil and the climate. All we want here are farmers to till it properly, and they will get the return no doubt. A man requires from £100 to £200 to commence with. By rights, no doubt, he can commence with less and do well. I believe it is the finest grain growing country in the world."

Mr. I. B. LOGAN:—"I spent four years in Colorado, Oregon, Washington Terr. and British Columbia, trying to better my condition, and I would say to intending immigrants from the old country or elsewhere, if they have a small capital (say from £100 to £200) and are possessed of a certain amount of pluck and determination to succeed, that they cannot do better than turn their attention to farming in the fair province of Manitoba."

Mr. D. CAFFERY:—"I would not change this country for any other. Prospects are good. There are certainly some drawbacks to contend with here as in any other new country, but all these things will come right in time. I would advise intending settlers to settle as near a good market as possible (and I consider Brandon one of the best), and also to make up their minds to hard work and industry, and they will doubtless succeed. Land will become very valuable in a few years as the country becomes more fully settled."

Mr. O. B. BOMPUS:—"The climate is perfect for comfort, though the last three seasons have been too dry for the crops. A great deal has been said against the North-West on account of the summer frosts. I don't consider them anything very serious, and feel sure that as the country becomes settled up, they will become less frequent. One of the first things a settler should do on taking land is to protect his land from prairie fires by ploughing, especially where there is any young timber."

Mr. S. UMPHREY:—"With proper railway facilities here (Miami, Southern Man.) I would be more than satisfied. A man coming to this country in order to be successful must be *industrious and economical*, and ought by all means to pay as he goes, or, in other words, buy for cash or trade. By following those rules closely he cannot fail to do well."

Mr. P. ROBERTSON:—"I would say go into mixed farming and not on too big a scale at first. Increase with his income, not beyond it, and he cannot help but get along well."

Mr. J. E. TURNER:—"Intending settlers will do well to rent a farm at first, or, if their means are small, hire themselves out for one summer; but in no case be in too great a hurry to locate until they are well acquainted with the nature and quality of the land they intend settling on. When that is determined get your crop in as early as possible in the spring."

Mr. R. WHITTAKER:—"In my opinion a man coming to this country from Britain should bring with him sufficient capital to keep him for two years at the least, and if he once gets a fair start he will have a better chance and can make things profitable. He should, if he can, get a stock. Sheep do well; they don't need much looking after."

Mr. W. GOODWIN:—"I am satisfied that with industry and proper judgment and good cultivation of the soil a good living may be had. With good and deep cultivation of the soil good crops of all kinds of grain and roots may be grown here; it is a good agricultural country, suitable for settlement. There are many people come out here with small capital who may possibly have read some very misleading statements made in some former descriptions of Manitoba and North-West, such as: 'They have only to tickle the soil, and they will have a crop,' &c., &c. They expend their all in breaking and sowing grain in the *first* year, instead of seeding only a few acres just for their own requirements, and then break

and backset all they possibly can do themselves for cropping the next year. I would also strongly recommend any new settler to buy at once, on locating, one or two cows and some poultry, then they are sure of a living; also to have oxen in preference to horses for first breaking. I would also recommend all new settlers to find out the nearest Agricultural Society and place themselves in communication with the secretary, as they would then have the advantage of the experience of those who had been in the country some time. These would be glad to welcome and assist any new settler; at any rate I can speak for the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society, of which I am a member."

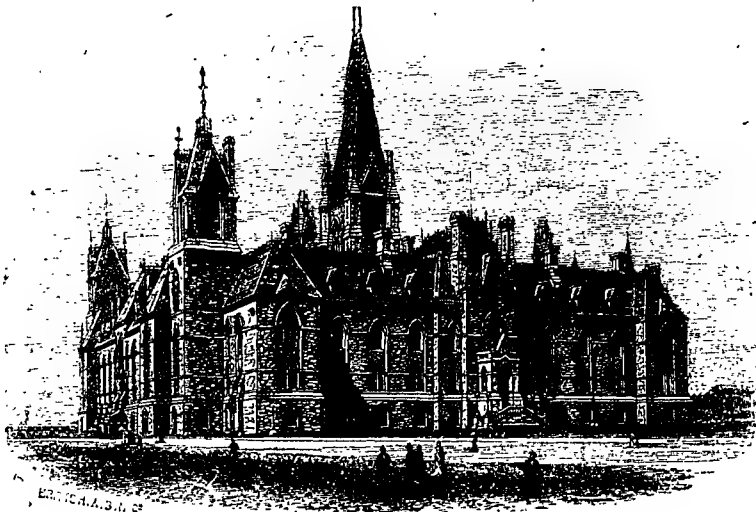
Mr. J. RALSTON:—"A good plan for people from the old country would be to rent a farm the first year, so as to get a chance of looking about them. By doing so they get a better idea how to build, and understand how to get along generally better than by going on a new place the first season. My farm is part of Sec. 34 and 35, T. 13, R. 19 W. I intend going to Scotland this coming winter, for the purpose of accompanying a party out, and helping them to get settled. The party is intending to come out in the Spring."

Mr. E. WEST, (J. P.):—"Bring all the clothes you can muster, but no building fixtures, and make up your mind to roughing it at first, with plenty of hard work. Don't be discouraged at the first failure or light fix you get into, but make up your mind to succeed, and success will crown your endeavours."

Mr. J. R. DUTTON:—"I may add that there is ample scope out here, particularly for the tenant farmers of England, with capital of from £500 to £2,000, and there are plenty of that class paying rents varying from £2 upwards per acre, just making their way (in the old country), whereas out here they would make a living and independence easily."

Mr. A. KINDRED:—"I am well satisfied with everything. I would advise all parties who intend leaving their homes in the old country, to come and see this rich country for themselves before they believe anything they may hear about it. I am sure they would be well satisfied with everything they saw. I would also advise them, if they have any friends in this country to go to them first, and take their advice as to where they shall settle, and what they had better first do; by so doing they will save themselves unnecessary expense and trouble."

Mr. C. BALL:—"A settler leaving the old country should leave everything behind him but good clothing and bedding, and substantial boots and shoes, and such things as can be sewn up in course wrappers, and need not cause anxiety. If he is a poor man he can make his own beds, and tables and chairs, on arriving in the N.W. It is a good country for farmers, but he must not try to do too much the first year, and he should see that his house is as tight as a bladder, on account of cold in winter."



CANADIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Mr. C. DRUMMOND-HAY :—"I would suggest, for an intending settler, that he should begin with small crops at first, till he can see for himself in what way he can farm best, as every man has not talents in the same direction ; also not to purchase machinery either for cash or on credit, till he has got a sure footing on his farm."

Mr. O. SEEBACH (J.P.) :—"Settlers from England should try and settle near some older settlement, and as near the railway as possible. They would then be able to purchase their cattle, &c., in their own neighbourhood, and profit by the experience of the older settlers. You can get a team of oxen for £20 to £30 ; cows, £6 to £10 ; pigs, two months old, 4s. to 6s."

Mr. T. E. MCWILLIAMS :—"We want good men and true women. We also want settlers here that are willing to work and make a home here. We want men with capital. Men that have capital can make more of it here than putting it in the bank. A man with money who would go into farming and stock raising is the man who is going to get rich. There is a splendid opening here (Pasqua) now, for a good flour mill. The man who would build a mill now and run it properly would do well."

Mr. W. FINCH :—"From practical experience I would recommend new comers to hire themselves out for the first year. I would not advise any one to break deep and sow in the spring, the same land will only yield half a crop next year. The country cannot be beaten for farming ; grain or stock will both succeed if you only work well. It is no country for idlers."

THE CLIMATE.

This is an old but very important question to the new comers, and one upon which they should first ask "What do residents themselves say ?" To this query the following replies will afford a full answer, and as a preface to them it may be well to quote what Professor Tanner, Senior Examiner on Agriculture, under the British Government Department of Science, has to say in his recent report on the Canadian North-West.

"In speaking of the agricultural capabilities of this district, I have," he says, "made reference, incidentally, to the brilliancy of the summer weather, and its powerful influence upon a luxuriant and healthy growth. A farmer needs no better testimony in favour of a summer climate than is given by the splendid growth of Manitoba spring sown wheat. On this question of the summer climate there is a very general agreement in the opinions which are expressed, and here I can bear my own personal testimony to the fact, that the brightest and most perfectly delicious summer climate is to be found in the Canadian North-West. When we have to speak of the winter we find some very singular differences. Those who do not live in the district, proclaim their opinions as to what the conditions of discomfort must be, and on the other hand those who do live there, say that their winters admit of very much happiness and enjoyment. For my own part, I am more disposed to accept the statements of those who speak from a personal knowledge of the facts, than from the loudly proclaimed opinions of those who really know nothing about it, except the conclusions of their own imaginations. Certain enquiries naturally spring into the mind on observing this conflict of testimony, such as :—What difference can it possibly make to outsiders, so long as the people of the North-West are satisfied ?"

The question asked was :—"Is the climate healthy, and have you suffered any loss or hardship from the climate in winter ?" No less than ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE REPLY :

"CLIMATE HEALTHY, OR VERY HEALTHY, OR REMARKABLY HEALTHY ; NO LOSS OR HARSHIP."

The rest reply as follows. The full postal address of each may be found on pages 3—6.

DALZELL, T. :—"I consider the climate as healthy as any part of the Dominion. Have suffered no hardship or loss."

WORKMAN, A. (J.P.) :—"Healthy for strong people. The climate is very severe."

BURNETT, F. :—"I never enjoyed such excellent health as in this country. None whatever."

ASTLEY, W. J., and } :—"Have been in every climate; never saw one as healthy. None
LANYON, R. E. } whatever."

POLLARD, P. :—"Yes, very healthy; no place more so. None."

POLLARD, H. :—"Healthy, more so in my opinion than England. No loss or hardship."

PATTON, R. :—"Climate healthy and bracing. None."

WALKER, G. E. :—"Yes, healthy. No, except that I have to travel sometimes in bad weather."

MARTIN, C. :—"I consider it healthy. My hardship and loss is in teaming my grain 50 miles to market." [Craigilea, Southern Manitoba, now being opened up by the extension of the Manitoba South-Western branch railways.]

OLIVER, T. :—"Yes, healthy, very much so. No hardship or loss. I like the winter, it is so dry and steady."

HUNTER, J. M. :—"I think it healthy; climate is first-class. Not any."

STARK, W. :—"Yes, decidedly healthy. Less severity in winter would of course be very desirable. No serious hardship or loss since properly housed. In winter of 1879 to 1880, I had no proper roof on house."

REID, J. F. :—"I was always delicate in the old country, now I am as healthy as a fox. None whatever."

LOGAN, I. B. :—"The most healthy climate that is known, especially for children."

MC CREATH, W. & J. :—"Extremely healthy. Have lost nothing. I find the climate splendid."

CAFFERY, D. :—"Much more healthy than any of the Eastern provinces. None whatever."

STEVEN, J. :—"Yes, healthy. No inconvenience whatever."

RAMSEY, L. G. :—"Yes, healthy, but too rigorous for delicate constitutions. None."

BANNISTER, D. W. :—"Very healthy, so far as my family is concerned; more so than England."

TURTON, J. :—"The climate is very healthy. I have suffered loss of cattle from not having them stabled."

MACKIE, M. :—"The healthiest place I have been in. Never any hardship or loss."

ENGLISH, J. A. :—"Very much so; better than in Ontario. No hardship or loss; no one need with care."

BLEAKLEY, F. W. :—"I consider it healthy. Have suffered neither hardship or loss from cold."

RALSTON, J. :—"Yes, healthy. No, I think winter as pleasant as any part of year."

WINTER, T. G. :—"Decidedly healthy. Suffered hardship before country was settled as now, but no loss."

MUDE, R. :—"Health is one of its chief features. I and my son worked in bush last winter every day."

McCLELLAND, W. :—"Yes, very healthy. I have ten in family and it never cost me 10 dollars for doctor's bills."

WILLIAMS, J. R. :—"The best I was ever in. None. Exceptionally healthy. Decidedly no hardship or loss."

McPHERSON, A. :—"Yes, healthy. Only had my grain frozen a little for three years."

CARR, W. :—"More healthy than in England or Ontario. No hardship or loss in the least."

DUTTON, J. R. :—"Very, always lays on flesh. No hardship or loss, but would recommend buffalo coat."

MCTAGGART, E. :—"Very healthy, as my health has improved wonderfully. No hardship or loss whatever."

NESBIT, G. :—"Without doubt healthy. No hardship or loss. Decidedly better than Ontario winter."

KINDRED, A. :—"Healthy. Family and self never enjoyed better health. No hardship or loss. Prefer it to English or Scotch winters."

BALL, C. :—"Nowhere in the world more healthy. As a male courier for four years I have experienced very cold weather, but no loss."

MCINTYRE, J. R. :—"I do. Very little."

DRURY, J. :—"Very healthy. My family were always ailing until they came out here. No hardship or loss during winter."

ROBINSON, W. :—"Yes, it can't be beat for health. Since I have come to this country have suffered no loss or hardship during winter."

KYLE, J. :—"Yes. None; I rather like the winter season."

ROBINSON, W. :—"Very healthy. Not any loss; sometimes there is a stormy day."

DRUMMOND-HAY, C. :—"Very much so; atmosphere very dry indeed. Not much; lost two pigs in cold stable."

MARNIE, Rev. J. A. :—"Very. No hardship; went through first winter with Old Country clothes."

McKAY, R. :—"Most decidedly; in my case a complete recovery after seven years' broken health. No."

HIPKINS, A. :—"Climate is decidedly healthy to any man of common sense. No loss and no real hardship."

SMITH, T. :—"Yes, better than in England. No hardship or loss."

KIRCHHOFFER, R. B. :—"Very, never been better in my life. None of any kind; never saw stock do better in winter than they do in Manitoba."

SEEBACH, O. (J.P.) :—"Yes. None whatever; 40° below zero is easier to bear here than 10° in Ontario."

PROCTOR, H. :—"I think this country is as healthy as any in the world. None whatever."

MORTON, A. :—"Very much so, as there is very little cloudy weather. Neither hardship nor loss."

MACKENZIE, A. :—"Exceedingly healthy, and I would urgently recommend any person in delicate health to emigrate hither. No hardship whatever; the winter is most enjoyable."

BOND, W. W. :—"Yes, generally healthy, but bad for rheumatism and consumption. Considerable hardship, but no real loss."

McGILL, G. :—"Compared with Ireland or Ontario it bears the palm. None."

SISSONS, T. :—"Yes, for people with sound lungs. No."

LOTHIAN, W. :—"Consider it extremely healthy both for old and young. Suffered no hardship or loss."

BELL, J. C. :—"Yes, I have much better health than ever I had in Nova Scotia. No."

ROBINSON, J. E. :—"Very healthy. Considerable hardship, no loss."

BROWN, J. H. :—"It is the healthiest climate I ever lived in. None whatever."

FINCH, W. :—"Yes. Lost several young cattle."

CARR, S. T. :—"Yes. No, I like the winter."

HANSON, J. D. :—"1. One of the healthiest in the world. 2. None at all."

BARCLAY, J. :—"Yes, healthy. No; there are some very cold days, but I prefer it to Scotland with its wet."

* It will be seen on reference to the replies under "Summer Frosts" that the experience of recent years not only shows that these frosts are quite exceptional, but also that with autumn ploughing, early spring seeding and other proper precautions, no damage need at any time be feared to crops on this account."

SUMMER FROSTS AND STORMS.

The secret of escape from summer frosts on prairie lands lies in the simple injunction :— Plough your land in the Autumn, and sow early in the Spring. Careful investigations show that this having been done the crops remain unharmed, though proper care should of course be taken—in the same way as among British farmers—in the selection of seed, etc.

As to summer and winter storms, which are more or less present in most parts of the American continent, it will be seen by the following replies that it is but rarely the Canadian North-West is visited, and still more rarely that any noteworthy damage is caused. The questions were :—

(1) Are summer frosts prevalent in the Canadian North-West or are they exceptional ?

(2) Have you suffered any serious loss from storms during either winter or summer ?

As to summer frosts, ONE HUNDRED AND SIX reply simply "EXCEPTIONAL." In answer to the question regarding storms, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN say "NONE," or "NEVER." Of the remaining replies the following are representative. Full postal addresses are given on pages 3—6.

BLEAKLEY, F. W. :—" 1. Have no summer frosts in this locality."

LONG, W. :—" 1. Have raised four crops, and this is the first injured. 2. None whatever so far."

PRINGLE, D. :—" 1. In Manitoba they are exceptional."

POLLARD, P. :—" 1. Severe frosts exceptional."

CLIFFORD, HON. W. :—" 1. The exception in Manitoba."

HALL, D. :—" 1. Some years prevalent, others little or none."

JEFFERSON, J. :—" 1. This is the first year I had any grain hurt with the frost. 2. None whatever."

SMITH, W. :—" 1. They are exceptional in this part. 2. We had a hailstorm in 1884 that did some damage."

McKENZIE, J. :—" 1. I have seen no summer frosts so far, not even to hurt garden stuff. 2. None whatever."

MORTON, A. :—" 1. They are exceptional. 2. Have never suffered ; in fact, there have been no storms."

McGHEE, J. :—" 1. Summer frosts are slight and not prevalent. 2. No."

BLYTHE, R. :—" 1. Had them slightly in June and July, and badly 24th August last."

SMITH, A. :—" 1. They come too soon. 2. No."

FINCH, W. :—" 1. Exceptional. We had no frost in this township this year or last. 2. No."

McKNIGHT, R. (J. P.). :—" 1. Exceptional. 2. Once I lost part of my crop with hail."

McGILL, G. :—" 1. Exceptional in this part. Frost came on the 24th August, but the crops were well matured. I had no frosted wheat, and never saw frost come so early for the last four years. 2. No."

McKIBBIN, J. P. :—" 1. We are subject to frost the first week in September, which hurts grain that is not cut before. 2. No."

AVERILL, O. :—" 1. Exceptional on high dry land, but prevalent on low lying lands. 2. No."

McKAY, R. :—" 1. Can't say as to North-West generally, but in South Manitoba, the Pembina, Turtle and Moose Mountains, and the Rock Lake and Souris districts, they are exceptional. 2. No."

LACEY, J. M. :—" 1. Frosts are very exceptional; last year we had none till October. 2. None whatever; have never seen a bad storm yet."

CAFFERY, D. :—" 1. We have never had any here to hurt us. 2. Have never suffered the slightest loss."

McFARLAND, J. :—" 1. Exceptional. 2. Never suffered anything from the weather."

OKE, S. :—" 1. I am afraid they are here, this is why I would so much urge people to go in for cattle and sheep. 2. None whatever."

ROBINSON, W. :—" 1. We are troubled very little with summer frosts. The frost this year was one early in September. 2. We have had no serious storms since I have been in the country."

McKELVEY, W. :—" 1. Have only seen frost that injured grain three times in twelve years. 2. None yet."

WARD, J. H. :—" 1. This is my eighth harvest, have had one crop frozen. 2. Have not lost anything by the climate."

LEECE, I. (J. P.) :—" 1. Prevalent, but not to do any damage. 2. Not from storms."

DALZELL, T. :—" 1. In this part they are exceptional to do any harm. 2. None."

SPENCER, W. E. :—" 1. Exceptional in this section. Never saw frozen grain until present season, and now only late sown is injured. 2. No loss."

SUTON, P. D. :—" 1. Some years enough to touch tender vegetables. 2. None."

BROWN, C. H. :—" 1. Old settlers say exceptional. 2. No."

UMPHREY, S. :—" 1. In 1884 no frost to do any harm, in 1885 slight frost 23rd August; killed tender plants and vines; no general damage. 2. No loss whatever."

BURNETT, F. :—" 1. No, they are exceptional and come late. No man need have any grain destroyed if he farms rightly and within his means. 2. There has not been a dollar's worth of loss from this cause in this district."

CRAMER, G. :—" 1. I got lightly touched this year for the first time. 2. None."

LOTHIAN, W. :—" 1. They are prevalent, but the damage done is very exceptional. 2. Have suffered no loss whatever from storms."

SISSONS, T. :—" 1. I have raised fourteen crops, and only two were injured by frost. 2. Not more than once or twice in fourteen years, and that was from wind and hail in or near harvest time."

PLAXTON, W. :—" 1. Summer frosts are exceptional and local. 2. I have not."

KENT, S. J. :—" 1. Suffered slightly this season for the first time. 2. None."

HELLIWELL, W. J. :—" 1. Since I have lived here (1867) I never heard of such things until the last three years. 2. Never."

RALSTON, J. :—" 1. Have never been injured by frost to any extent. 2. No."

BILL, I. E. :—" 1. Old settlers say they had not for twenty-five years seen a frost until 1882 and 1885. 2. No."

MACKENZIE, A. :—" 1. Exceptional except in the northern districts. 2. Never. I have camped out in winter with the thermometer as low as 40° below zero, and suffered no inconvenience."

COWAN, J. :—" 1. I have never been touched till this year. 2. None whatever."

MUDD, R. :—" 1. There was one exception in September, 1883, that was the only frost to do us much damage. 2. From these atmospheric disturbances we are exceptionally free."

McKELVEY, J. :—" 1. For the last three years, but not before. 2. No."

STEVEN, J. :—" 1. Summer frosts or rather early autumn frosts are prevalent, but grain is generally ripe, unless in a few exceptional instances of late sowing. I have never had any grain frozen, it was cut before frost. 2. No."

PROCTOR, H. :—" 1. The summer frosts are exceptional; about equal to my experience in England. 2. No loss or inconvenience worth stating."

SOIL, WATER AND FUEL.

These are points of the first importance. The high average yield of crops in the Canadian North-West is of course in itself a practical proof of the suitability of the land as regards soil and water. The following replies will however enter more fully into the matter, dealing with each locality in these two respects as well as regarding fuel. In relation to fuel, it must of course be remembered that the Souris, Saskatchewan and Alberta coal-fields are rapidly supplying settlers with all their needs at reasonable rates. This coal question is fully dealt with in a general pamphlet, "Manitoba and the Canadian North-West." The full postal address of each settler replying below may be found on pages 3—6. The questions were :—

- (1) Please state nature of soil on your farm and depth of black loam?
- (2) Have you plenty of water on your farm, and how obtained? If from a well please state depth of same.
- (3) What sort of fuel do you use, and is it difficult to obtain?

Place.	Name.	Reply as to Soil.	Water.	Fuel.
Alameda	... Pollard, P.	... Black loam and clay subsoil	Spring on surface	... Both coal and wood easily obtained.
Alcester	... Long, Wm.	... Clay loam on high ground, 8 to 10 in. in loam; low ground 12 to 18 in.	Good water at 16 ft.; stock are supplied from a pond	Oak and poplar, about 7 miles distant.
Alexandria	... Vandervoorts, J.M.	A clay subsoil, with about 15 in. black loam	Any amount from a well, 25 ft.	Oak wood; plenty to be had in this section.
Austin	... Clifford, W. Hon.	Sandy loam	Water obtained 5 ft. under surface; stream runs past my house	Wood, and can obtain it in abundance.
Balgonie	... Cameron, H.	... Clay, 2 to 6 in., black loam	From a well, 25 ft.	Wood, not difficult to obtain.
Balmoral	... Jefferson, J.	... Clay bottom, with from 4 to 5 in. loam	Plenty of good water; dug 18 ft. and drilled 18 ft. 10 in.	We use wood, and have plenty.
Beaver Creek	... Smith, W.	... A black loam, 12 in. deep, on a clay subsoil	Plenty of water, at a depth of 12 ft.	Wood; it is plentiful.
Beaver Rapids	... Traquair, R.	... Clay loam, 18 in.	Plenty. Well 15 ft.	Wood; not very difficult.
Belleview	... Champion, R. E.	... Rich dark sandy loam, 2 to 6 ft.	Plenty of water; 2 wells, one 25 ft. and one 8 ft.	Wood; not difficult to obtain.
Beresford	... Hunter, J. M.	... 2 ft. of black loam, clay subsoil	Plenty by digging for it, about 30 ft.	Wood; have to go about 12 miles for it.
Beulah	... Simpson, W. S.	... About 6 in. loam, lying on marl	No springs; have sunk a well near a slough	Wood; have to draw it from 9 to 12 miles.
Binscarth	... Smellie, C. L.	... Loam, 18 in. to 2½ ft.; clay subsoil	Running creek, several ponds, and three wells of an average depth of 45 ft.	Plenty of good dry poplar; so far wood fuel.

Place.	Name.	Reply as to Soil.	Water.	Fuel.
Birtle ...	Morton, A. ...	Vegetable loam, with a little sand, 12 in.	Plenty of water on farm; use spring water for house	Poplar; it is not difficult to obtain.
Blake ...	McGhee, J. ...	Sandy soil, from 1 to 3 ft. deep	Plenty of water, 10 ft. deep...	Wood; lots of bush.
Bradwardine ...	Danagh, J. ...	Clay subsoil, 8 in. ...	Yes, in a running stream	Poplar; plenty easily procured.
Brandon ...	Gray, J. L. ...	Half of farm black loam, 3 ft., the other half light sandy loam with white clay bottom, 18 in. loam	I have abundance for all my stock all year in spring creek at end of stables	The only drawback to the country here is scarcity of fuel.
Burnside ...	McKenzie, K., sen.	Black loam, about 2 ft.; clay subsoil	Plenty in a creek which runs through my farm	Wood; easy to be got.
Calf Mountain	Bedford, J. ...	Clay subsoil; 18 in. black loam	Well, 21 ft. deep	Oak and poplar wood.
Campbellville...	Carr, S. T. ...	2 ft. on a clay subsoil	Yes; a river runs through	Oak, elm, and poplar wood. Not difficult, as I have 80 acres on my farm.
Carberry ...	Stratford, J. W....	Sandy loam; about 2 ft. black loam	I have excellent water from a well, 20 ft. deep, and also a lake	Wood is abundant.
Carlingville ...	McArthur, D. J.	Clay subsoil and a little sand in the black loam, above which averages from 4 in. to about 1 ft.	I have plenty of water until July in one slough; after that the stock hunt their own drink. I use a well about 8 ft. deep for the house	I use wood for fuel.
Carman ...	McKnight R. (J.P.)	Clay loam and clay subsoil; loam from 1 to 2 ft.	The Boris river runs through farm. Well 12 ft. deep for food water	Wood, mostly oak, easily obtained, as I have 50 acres of wood.
Carrolton ...	McGill, G. ...	3 or 4 ft. deep; on river flat 15 in.	Wells, one 60 ft. deep, another 41 ft. down bank, and another 33 ft. deep. Splendid water	Getting difficult to obtain. I pick up wood about the river.
Cartwright ...	McKibbin, J. P....	Average depth of black loam 20 in., clay subsoil, under the clay sand or grain	There is a river runs through the farm	Wood; it grows on the farm.
Clan William	Averill, O. ...	Rich loam, about 15 in.	Good water from well, 20 ft. deep	Wood; not difficult hitherto.
Clear Springs...	Langill, J. P. ...	It is a clay loam	Yes, and from a well about 22 ft.	Wood; not hard to obtain.
Crewe ...	Fleming, J. ...	Clayey loam, 1 ft. deep; soil is excellent	From a ravine, which is full of splendid springs, 2 ft. deep	Dry poplar poles; plenty of bluffs around full of them.
Crystal City ...	McKay, R. ...	Black loam, from 1 to 3 ft. in depth
Deloraine ...	Renton, J. ...	About a foot of black loam; clay subsoil	We have three running streams, and a well by the house, 30 ft. deep	Wood; I draw as much in a few days as will last a year.

Place.	Name.	Reply as to Soil.	Water.	Fuel.
Douglas	Kyle, J.	Clay subsoil, black loam from 6 to 10 in.	Plenty; well 8 ft. deep	Wood; not hard to obtain.
Eden	Sutherland, J.	Clay, about 2 ft.	Yes; well, 12 ft.	Poplar wood; no.
Edgeley Farm	Winter, T. G.	Clay loam, from 4 in. to 2 ft.	Water in pond and in well, latter 18 ft. deep; copious spring all cold in summer and clear as crystal	Poplar wood; plentiful.
Elkhorn	Allison, G.	Black loam, 6 in., and clay subsoil	Yes; well, 22 ft.	Wood; no.
Elton	Caffery, D.	Black clay loam, depth 2 ft.	Plenty of the best of water, from a well, 12 ft. deep.	Poplar wood, and it is getting scarce; had to buy some last year.
Emerson	McBean, P.	...	I have a good well at 13 ft.; bored 120 ft. without getting any.	Poplar; not difficult so far.
Fort McLeod	McFarland, J.	My land is of a red loam, with clay subsoil	I use both well and river water. Well, 12 ft.	Wood and coal in abundance. (3 dols. = 12s. at coal pit.)
Fairburn	Oke, S.	Clay loam; about 1 ft. of loam on top	I have two wells, one for the house and the other for the stable, 18 ft. deep; plenty of water	Poplar wood, and plenty of it in this part.
Fleming	Day, S.	Clay subsoil; black loam, varying from 1 to 2 ft.	Yes; I have some ponds and a well, 20 ft. deep	Wood; plenty.
Foxton	Bond, W. W.	Black loam, with clay bottom	From a well, about 15 ft. deep	Wood; easy to obtain.
Gladstone	Morton, T. L.	Sandy loam	Yes; small lake in summer for cattle; well for house and cattle in winter, 12 ft.	Plenty of both oak and poplar.
Glendale	Molland, J.	Black loam, about 18 in. deep; clay subsoil	Well, about 15 ft. deep	Poplar; can be had by hauling about 10 miles.
Glendenning	Leece, I. (J.P.)	Black loam on clay subsoil; loam from 12 to 15 in.	Yes; from spring creek in summer, and well, 10 ft. deep, in winter	Wood; no difficulty.
Golden Stream	McConnell, D.	Clay loam, from 2 to 4 ft.	Yes; from 2 wells, 13 ft. deep	Poplar wood.
Green Ridge	Oatway, R.	Clay loam, 2½ ft. deep	Plenty from a well, 12 ft. deep	Wood; easily obtained.
Grund	Christopherson, H.	3 ft. of black loam	I have good water and a lake on my farm	Oak and poplar.
Hazelwood	Cleveland, J. H.	Black loam, 18 in.	Yes; a well 20 ft.	Poplar wood.
Headingly	Dawson, A.	...	Yes; from the river	Wood; not difficult to obtain.
Heaslip	West, E. (J.P.)	Black loam, from 2 to 3 ft.	Springs in ravines	Wood; not difficult.
Hérnefield	Empey, M. N.	Black sandy loam, 12 in. in depth; clay subsoil	Well, 33 ft., with good supply	Poplar poles at Turtle Mountain; easily obtained.
High Bluff	Dalzell, T.	Black loam, 3 ft. deep	Plentiful, in well 14 ft. deep	Poplar; oak and elm are plentiful.

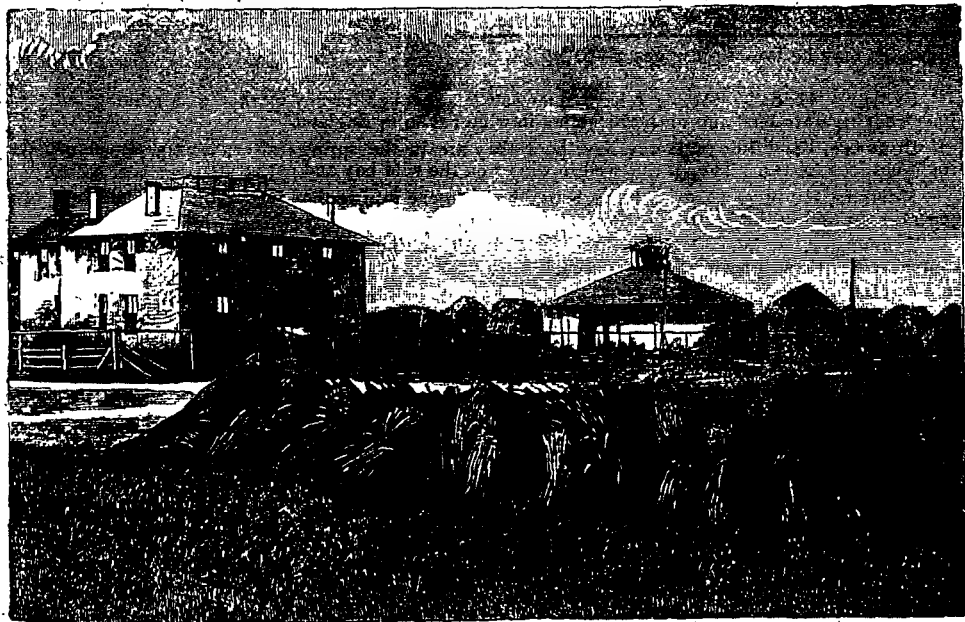
Place.	Name.	Reply as to Soil.	Water.	Fuel.
Hillview	Rothwell, W.	Sandy loam, about 14 in.	Yes; natural ponds; I got water at 12 ft.	Old poplar; it is very scarce, must soon use coal.
Holland	Holland, A. C.	Sandy loam, 18 in.	Yes; from creek; well at the house is 21 ft. deep	Wood.
Killarney	Ball, C.	Very heavy, and when digging a well found 2 ft. 9 in. of black loam	We drink the Lake (Killarney) water	Wood; getting scarce, but can be obtained in abundance 7 miles off.
Littleton	Little, N.	Black loam, about 2 ft.	Well, 15 ft. deep	Poplar, spruce, and tamar; very plentiful.
Lothair	McTaggart, E.	Black sandy loam, clay subsoil; top soil from 6 to 12 in.	Well, 12 ft. deep; plenty for stock in a spring ravine all winter	Plenty of poplar wood.
Manitou	Brown, C. H.	Clay loam, 3 ft.	Yes; well and run, 20 ft.	Wood; is not difficult to obtain at present.
Maple Creek	Lloyd, A.	Sandy clay loam	A well, 50 ft. deep	Wood; 8 and 10 miles distant.
Marringhurst	Marnie, Rev. J. A.	Light soil, sandy bottom	A pond for cattle, and a well for the house, 24 ft. deep	Wood; lots of it.
Meadow Lea	McDougald D.	Heavy black loam, from 10 to 12 in. deep	Plenty from a well 14 ft. deep; would supply 100 cattle the year round	Wood; easily obtained.
Medicine Hat	Smith, T.	Sandy loam, with clay subsoil	Yes; creek or brook, runs right through my farm	Coal at 4 dollars (16s.) per ton is plentiful.
Menota	Hipkins, A.	...	No better water anywhere; I have beautiful springs and good water, not deep	Plenty of firewood along the river to hold out till our immense coal-fields are opened up.
Menteith	O'Neil, P.	Sandy and clay loam, from 18 in. to 2 ft.	Have plenty of good water; well 14 ft. deep	Use wood for fuel; which we have to hand about 6 miles.
Miami	Umphrey, S.	Black loam, mixed with some sand, from 2 to 10 in. deep	Yes; plenty from well, 12 to 15 ft. deep, and from stream	Oak and poplar; are very plentiful.
Michie	Pearson, S. A.	Gravel, about 2 ft. or 2½ ft.	Yes; from a well 18 ft. in depth	Coal and wood; wood is difficult to get.
Millford	Burnett, F.	Black loam, 18 in. deep; clay subsoil	Yes; a spring creek; never failing supply of splendid water	Wood; and plenty of it.
Minnedosa	Carmichael, W.	Clay; and about 15 in. of black loam	I have plenty of water for my cattle, and a well for my own use, 26 ft.	We use wood out of the bush; it is not very hard to get.
Moline	Carr, W.	From 6 in. to 2 ft.	This country is well watered; for stock I have a well that answers all purposes, about 8 ft. deep	Wood; any quantity.

Place.	Name.	Reply as to Soil.	Water.	Fuel.
Moose Jaw	Goodwin, W.	Strong clay loam, 6 to 10 ft. deep; gravelly in some places; very little black soil.	I have no well, but hope to obtain water at about 20 ft., half a mile from my house	Wood scarce, and sells at from 5 to 7 dollars (£1 to £1 8s.) per load. Saskatchewan coal at 6 dollars 25 cents (£1 6s.) per ton, at station.
Moose Mountain	Page, E. S.	Clay subsoil	Yes; at 14 ft.	Wood; not difficult.
Moosomin	Johnston, G. P.	Clay loam, 2 ft.	Good water at 20 ft., and lots of it	Poplar; good and handy.
Morris	McCreeth, W. & J.		Plenty of water, as we are situated on Morris River (winter and summer	Wood is scarce, but we are going to use coal.
Napinka	Crowell, W. N.	Sandy loam and clay loam; depth of black loam about 40 in.	Yes; from a well, 11 ft.	Wood; not difficult just at present.
Nelson	Bailey, D.	Clay loam, about 1 ft. deep	Yes; both from a creek and well, which is 20 ft. deep	Wood; got on my own farm.
Newdale	Fanning, A. R.	Heavy clay soil; black loam from 1 to 2 ft.	Plenty of pure spring water at 13 ft. deep	Dry poplar poles; troubled with insector.
Newhaven	Coleman, G.	Black loam, 2 ft. deep	Yes; from a well, 1 ft. deep	Poplar wood; easily got.
Ninette	Mackie, M.	Sandy loam, with 2 ft. of black loam	Well, 6 ft. deep; I have running water also	I use wood.
Ninga	Martin, O.	Clay loam, 15 in. deep	Plenty from the Pembina river; numerous springs along the stream.	Wood; have to draw it 7 miles.
Nimitaw	Rae, J.	Loam about 15 in.; clay subsoil	Yes; spring well, 26 ft. deep	Wood; not difficult, only haul 10 miles.
Oak Lake	Bannister, D. W.	Sandy loam, from 12 to 36 in. deep	Well, 12 ft. deep; plenty of water	Wood; on my own farm.
Oakland	Huddleston, T.	Slightly sandy loam, 2 ft. in depth, loamy clay under.	Plenty in summer in creeks and sloughs; wells good at 10 ft.	Wood; it is not difficult to obtain, but has to be hauled from below Portage to here
Oak River	Hedley, W.	Sandy black loam, from 6 to 15 in.	Yes; from well, 22 ft.	Wood; will be none in a year or two.
Oberon	McKinnon, J.	About 2 ft. all over, with clay subsoil	Plenty; from a well and first-class	Wood; not difficult.
Orange Ridge	Winter, E.	Clay loam; 6 to 12 in. black loam	Plenty of water; well 15 ft. deep	Wood; easily got in Riding Mountain, about 2 miles distant
Osprey	Connell, R.	Black loam on top, from 4 to 18 in.; clay subsoil	Yes, good water; well, 36 ft. deep	Poplar wood; plentiful about 8 miles distant
Otenaw	Cramer, G.	Black loam, 2 ft., and clay bottom	Plenty of good water by digging 16 ft. well	Oak and poplar, and plenty of it.
Pasqua	McWilliams, T. E.	Kind of brown clay about 4 ft. deep	Water from Moose Jaw River	Some wood and some coal.
Pendennis	McKennit, J.	Gravelly clay, 1 ft.	Yes; from a well, 14 ft. deep	Wood; not difficult.

Place.	Name.	Reply as to Soil.	Water.	Fuel.
Penrith ...	McKinnon, J. ...	Clay loam; depth of black loam, 14 in.	Plenty of spring water	Wood; it is easy to get in this locality.
Pense ...	Young, J. ...	Sandy clay loam	Plenty of water by digging 14 ft.	Wood; no trouble so far.
Petrel ...	McIntosh, A. ...	Clay, from 6 to 12 in.	Plenty; from well 24 ft. deep	Poplar wood; it is difficult, for a poor man to get when the Inspector is here.
Pipestone ...	Lothian, W. ...	Rich clay; black loam 2 to 3 ft. deep	Large supply of fine water from well in a ravine, 7 ft. deep, would go 16 ft. down on level	Poplar wood; go about 8 miles for it; very plentiful.
Portage La Prairie	Sissons, T. ...	Clay loam with clay subsoil, loam from 2 to 2½ ft.	Plenty of good water by digging 12 to 14 ft.	Wood; not very difficult to obtain.
Preston ...	Murdoch, J. ...	12 to 14 in. black loam on clay subsoil	I have a creek, a living spring, and 2 wells, one 12 ft., another 20 ft. deep; water is excellent and abundant	Wood; I haul it 5 miles.
Prince Albert.	Plaxton, W. ...	Clay subsoil, with from 6 to 10 in. black loam	Plenty of good water; a spring running out of a bank 4 rods from the house	Pine and poplar; plenty 2 miles away.
Qu'Appelle ...	Wright, T. & Sons	Dark loam, clay subsoil	Plenty in well and sloughs	Wood; not difficult to obtain.
Rapid City ...	Ralston, J. ...	Clay subsoil; about 18 in. black loam	The Saskatchewan runs through my farm and I have springs	Maple, willow, and poplar; I have plenty.
Rayfield ...	Barker, T. M. ...	Sandy loam, clay subsoil, from 8 to 12 in.	Yes; well, 32 ft. deep	Wood; no.
Richmond ...	Copeland, W. ...	About 7 to 10 ft. sandy loam	You can get plenty, 12 to 15 ft.	Wood; we pick it up on the prairie.
Rocanville ...	Wilson, J. ...	Clay soil, from 1 to 2½ ft.	Yes; 16 ft. ...	Poplar; not difficult to obtain.
Roseberry ...	Stark, W. ...	1 ft. deep black loam; subsoil whitish clay	...	Oak; plenty so far in my own place.
Rosburn ...	Manson, W. ...	Heavy sandy loam, from 1½ to 2 ft. deep	Yes; from Spring Creek, water easily obtained by digging	Poplar wood; heavy timber north; no difficulty.
Rowland ...	Bill, I. E. ...	Clay loam, 18 in. deep	Yes; well, 12 ft., and from a small lake	Wood; I draw it 7 miles, where there is plenty of it.
Salterville ...	Salter, R. ...	Heavy black loam, clay subsoil	Abundance; well, 7 ft.	Wood; no.
Selkirk ...	Söderberg, C. ...	Black loam, 1 ft. ...	Water can be obtained from wells, from 13 to 15 ft. deep	Poplar; and plenty of it.
Shellmouth ...	Mackenzie, A. ...	Black loam, about 2 ft. deep; clay subsoil	Sufficient for all purposes; I have a spring at the door	Wood; where I at present reside it is to be had in abundance.
Shell River ...	Butcher, A. G. ...	Portions light and sandy, part of good black soil; loam 1½ ft. deep	Plenty of slough water, also a well 25 ft. deep for house; well wants lowering.	Poplar wood; we have to haul it about 10 miles.

Place.	Name.	Reply as to Soil.	Water.	Fuel.
Shoal Lake ...	Thomson, E. A....	18 in. black loam; clay subsoil	Lots of water; get it in the River Oak	Wood; in abundance.
Silver Heights	Semple, T.	6 to 18 or 24 in.; subsoil limey clay	Sufficient so far from small creek and slough	Poplar wood, of which there is plenty near at hand.
Smith's Hill ...	Monteith, G. B....	Black loam, from 8 to 18 in.	Plenty; well, 25 ft. deep	Wood; to draw 10 miles.
Souris ...	Cooper, F. D. ...	Rich light loam on sandy clay	House is on bank of Souris; also good well, 56 ft. deep, with 9 ft. of good water	Wood on river banks; coal 8 dollars (11.12s.) a ton from Galt Mines, Brandon.
Stonewall ...	Coubrough, A. S.	Sandy, 1 to 1½ ft.	Yes; from a well, 25 ft. deep	Wood; no.
Summerberry	Mann, J.	Clay and black loam...	Yes; spring and sloughs	Wood; not very.
Swan Lake ...	Tulloch, J. G. ...	About 14 in. black loam; yellow clay	Plenty of good water; well, 12 ft. deep	Plenty of fuel.
Thornhill ...	South, T. N. ...	Sandy loam; about 3 ft. of black loam	Yes, and good; from a well, 8 ft. deep	Oak, and plenty to last for years on the farm
Toddburn ...	Dow, J. M. ...	Clay subsoil, with about 15 in. of black loam on top	Yes; I have a creek, also a well, 15 ft. deep	Wood; we have plenty convenient.
Turtle Mountain	Brondgeest, J. H.	Clay and clay loam; black loam from 1 to 3 ft.	Running creek; plenty, also have a well	Wood or coal easily got at 3 dols. (12s.) a ton; wood for 5 dols. (12.) a cord and work of cutting.
Viola Dale ...	Middleton, F. ...	Loam and clay, 6 to 12 in.	Oak River in summer, scarce in winter	Wood; have plenty on my own farm.
Virden ...	Bcwes, J. ...	Sandy loam, 12 in. ...	Any amount; spring creek	Wood; and coal 7 dls. (11.8s.) per ton.
Wakopa ...	McFie, G. ...	—	Plenty; two wells, one 12, one 30 ft.	Wood; easy to obtain.
Wapella ...	Jones, T....	Black soil; depth 16 in.	Yes; from slough and well, 30 ft. deep	Wood; no.
Wattsvie ...	Bartley, N. ...	Rich sandy loam, 12 in.	Plenty of good spring water, summer and winter	Plenty of wood here, but scarce in some places.
Wayy Bank ...	Mudd, R. ...	Sandy loam, from 6 to 12 in.	Well, 25 ft., spring at the bottom	Wood; it has not been as yet.
Wellington ...	McKelvy, J. ...	Black loam, 12 in. deep	Yes; from a well, 11 ft. deep	Wood; no.
Wellwood ...	Robertson, P. ...	Rich black loam, about 3 ft.; clay subsoil	Plenty of first-class water; well, 32 ft. deep	Poplar; it is not difficult to obtain.
West Hall ...	Steven, J. ...	Very rich sandy loam, 4 in. to 4 ft.	I have a spring at 2 ft.; cattle water at pond	Coal mine opened, 25 miles off; price about 16s. per load (1½ tons). Coal has been found within 2 miles. Wood very poor at a distance of about 9 miles. Good wood, 22 miles; neighbours go together, making a pleasure trip.

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West Lynne ...	McLelland, W. ...	Clay subsoil ; black loam, 2 to 3 ft. deep	Yes ; a creek supplies the cattle, and a well, 12 ft. deep, the house	Wood ; I have it all on my own farm.
Wheatland ...	Nesbitt, G. ...	A good clay bottom ; black loam from 6 to 10 in.	Plenty ; Oak River is never dry, water in abundance at 6 to 12 ft	Poplar ; plenty as yet ; it grows fast.
Whitewater ...	Logan, I. B. ...	Black loam, clay subsoil	Plenty by digging 12 ft	Wood ; easily obtained
Whitewood ...	McKinnon, D. ...	Heavy clay subsoil ; 15 in. black loam	The best of water ; depth of well, 30 ft.	Dry poplar ; easily obtained.
Wolseley ...	Kindred, A. ...	Gravel and clay ; depth of black loam from 12 to 18 in.	Water in abundance in lakes, and a well, 16 ft. deep	Wood ; no, it is obtained a short distance from here.
Woodlands ...	Proctor, H. ...	Black loam, about 2 ft. deep, under heavier clay subsoil, 2 ft. deep	We have the best of water in this township from 5 wells, 20, 25, 26, 30 and 36 ft. deep	We use poplar and oak woods, which are very plentiful in this district.
Wolf Creek ...	Gibson, W. ...	Black loam, 18 to 24 in. deep ; clay subsoil	Yes ; in slough, and a well, 12 ft.	Wood ; easily obtained.
Yorkton ...	Hall, R. S. ...	Sandy loam, 12 to 18 in.	Good well, 20 ft. deep, lots of water	Poplar wood ; easily obtained.



BELL FARM, QU'APPELLE.

CATTLE RAISING.

In the general pamphlet, "Manitoba and the Canadian North-West," full reasons are given for the statement that the general healthfulness of the climate and the favourable conditions for feeding horses, cattle, and sheep, make stock-raising a most profitable industry. The boundless prairies are covered with luxuriant grasses, giving an average yield of hay per acre of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 tons; sometimes 4 tons are gathered, and in wet seasons as many as 5 tons. This abundance of fodder, and the cool nights for which the North-West is famous, are most beneficial features in regard to stock, while the remarkable dryness and healthiness of the winter also tend to make cattle fat and well-conditioned. The easy access to good water is another advantage in stock-raising. The abundance of hay almost everywhere makes it an easy matter for farmers to winter their cattle, and in addition to this there is, and always will be, a ready home market for beef.

The experiences of settlers on this subject answer the question :—

"How do horses and cattle thrive on the prairie grasses, and how do they thrive in winter?"

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT reply, "THRIVE SPLENDIDLY AND WELL IN WINTER," OR "REMARKABLY WELL," OR "EXCELLENTLY." Others reply as follows. Their full postal addresses may be found on pages 3—6.

BEDFORD, JACOB :—"Well; I have some cattle fat enough for any market, with nothing but grass. They require more feed and warmer stabling in winter than in England."

BURNETT, F. :—"I do not care how poor they are in the spring; after running all summer they could not look better. They thrive well in winter on the wild hay and oat straw."

M McNABB, HUGH :—"Cattle thrive better here on the prairie than in Ontario. Cattle and horses generally do well in the winter."

STEVENSON, F. W. :—"They fatten all summer on the wild grasses. Horses do very well in winter, and cattle still better if well housed."

CONNELL, R. :—"Excellent; they could not do better in any place. They thrive well in winter if in a comfortable stable."

McKENZIE, J. :—"Cattle grow very fat on the prairie grass. They have all done very well so far in winter."

BELL, P. C. :—"Very well. I have 33 cattle; they do very well in winter with good feed."

SMITH, A. :—"Splendidly. I have about 40 horses and cattle. Eight two-year old steers were in the open barn-yard all the winter, and all did well."

LOGAN, I. B. :—"Better than in any country I have been in; thrive well in winter with care."

McCREATH, W. & J. :—"They do well, and give rich milk."

CAFFERY, D. :—"They do well, and fatten better than in Ontario or the United States."

BARTLEY, N. :—"Cattle thrive well, both for milk and beef."

HAMILTON, T. :—"They do well, but require a good range."

WRIGHT & SON, T. :—"Most admirably well. Have 24 horses and 74 head of horned cattle."

ROBSON, J. S. :—"Splendidly; they have done well in winter, and went out to grass in April."

ROTHWELL, W. :—" Well ; they thrive well. Ponies do well out all the winter."

BANNISTER, D. W. :—" Splendidly. I have some splendid beef cattle. They thrive well on hay in winter, and I get splendid butter."

FLEMING, J. :—" Really well. They thrive well in an ordinary stable in winter."

SCOTT, A. :—" They thrive well and fatten in a very short time on the wild grasses. They thrive as well here in the winter as in the old country."

ALLEN, WM. :—" They do well ; I believe it to be a good cattle-raising country. They do well in winter in a warm stable."

MOORE, J. :—" Very well, and in winter far better than in a wet country."

ENGLISH, J. A. :—" Uncommonly well ; do well in winter on natural hay."

LONG, W. :—" Better than any cultivated grass, and do well in winter."

DOCKING, A. :—" Soon get fat on prairie grass, and do well in winter."

WINTER, T. G. :—" Could not be improved ; I sometimes stake my oxen yoked in a plough, with 100 feet rope, and leave them for four or five days, and they get abundance of grass and water. They winter well."

McKENZIE, K., SEN. :—" Very well ; my 10 horses and 80 cattle thrive well in winter."

MORTON, T. L. :—" Well ; 3 horses and 25 cattle."

MUDD, R. :—" Seems to me to thrive as well on wild as cultivated grass. My 2 horses and 29 cattle thrive well in winter on plenty of hay."

RENTON, J. :—" Cattle and all stock do well on wild grasses. I have 11 horses, 40 cattle and 40 sheep, which do well in winter—better than in Ontario."

McCLELLAND, W. :—" Do well on prairie grass ; 6 horses and 35 cattle do well in winter."

CARR, W. :—" All get fat at 12 months old."

McLACHLAN, D. F. :—" Excellently (4 horses, 50 cattle) ; winter well if properly attended."

ARMSTRONG, W. J. :—" Very well ; only exist in winter on account of cold."

STILES, J. :—" Thrive well on prairie grass until frost comes, and do well in winter."

DUTTON, J. R. :—" Could not do better anywhere ; do capitally in warm stable in winter."

McFARLAND, J. :—" Thrive remarkably well. Have about 40 horses, 500 cattle."

JAMIESON, J. M. :—" Excellently. Have 8 horses and 53 cattle ; thrive very well in winter."

GRAY, J. L. :—" Splendid ; 4 horses, 31 cattle, 22 pigs. All do first class all year round."

COUBROUGH, A. :—" Thrive well ; 5 horses and 40 cattle."

GRAHAM, R. :—" Well, with plenty of wild grass, and well in winter."

BALL, C. :—" They grow and get very fat ; winter well in warm stable."

CHRISTOPHERSON S. :—" Could not do better anywhere. Have 3 horses, 20 cattle, 40 sheep."

NICHOLSON, J. :—" Poor cattle turned out in spring will come in fat beef in autumn ; winter well with care."

PATTERSON, R. M. :—" Thrive very well. I have about 300 horses and cattle."

ROBINSON, W. :—" They do well on the wild grasses, much better than in Ontario."

PLAXTON, W. :—" They get very fat in a short time on the wild grasses."

STEPHENS, J. :—" I have horses, oxen, milch cows, and some young stock, and they thrive well in winter."

BLYTHE, R. :—" Admirably ; and stand winter well."

SMITH, T. :—" Thrive better on wild grasses here than they do in England on cultivated grass ; also winter well."

JONSON, J. :—" I have 10 cattle which did well last winter on autumn hay."

FINCH, W. :—" Get fat on the wild grass by end of June. Could not thrive better than here."

KIRCHHOFFER, R. B. :—" They do well and grow fat, having nothing else than wild grasses through the grazing season. Have 3 horses, 2 colts, 2 foals, 12 cows, 3 heifers, 10 calves, 1 bull, 60 pigs, &c., and all have done well through the winters, and come out well."

WENMAN, W. :—" Thrive very well indeed ; winter well if properly housed and attended."

SEEBACH, O. :—" Thrive better than on timothy grass in Ontario ; they turn out in first-class condition in spring."

MILLER, J. :—" Very well indeed ; cows do better here than in Scotland."

CURREY, P. :—" Cattle do well on wild grass, but require a large run ; all do well in winter."

McKINNON, J. :—" They thrive well ; I have 19 horses and 150 head of cattle."

PROCTOR, H. :—" They do well here, equal to West Riding of Yorkshire in England ; I have a stock of 100 head which do as well in winter as summer."

SEMPLE, T. :—" Prairie grasses cannot be excelled for pasturing cattle ; do well in winter."

MORTON, A. :—" They become very fat ; they do well in winter, as there is no wet."

BOND, W. W. :—" Thrive first-rate, and will keep fat ; I have 2 horses and 32 cattle, which do well in winter."

McGILL, G. :—" Thrive excellently ; prairie grass is like lawn grass in England."

BRONDGEEST, J. H. :—" They do better on prairie grass than on tame grass ; I have 74 cattle."

HUDDLESTONE, T. :—" Splendidly ; thrive well in winter if fed and housed—horses will live out. I have 8 horses, about 25 cattle and 20 sheep."

BARCLAY, J. :—" Very well ; I think this will be the great dairy centre of America."

SHEEP RAISING.

Sheep-growing is now becoming an important industry in the Canadian North-West, and the climatic conditions are such as to render the yield of wool much finer and the fibre considerably shorter than that from the same class or breed of sheep elsewhere. Sheep have been entirely free from disease in the North-West, and foot-rot has never occurred so far as can be ascertained.

" Do sheep thrive in the Canadian North-West, and is sheep-raising profitable ?"

In answering this question ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE settlers replied "Yes," or "THEY DO WELL AND ARE PROFITABLE," or similar phrases. The replies of the others are given below. The full name and postal address of each settler are given on pages 3—6.

DALZELL, T. :—" They thrive well and pay well in mutton."

ELLIS, J. :—" They thrive well and can be made to pay well."

BURNETT, F. :—" They thrive well, and there is a lot of money to be made in raising them."

McKIBBIN, J. P. :—" Sheep thrive well, and are one of the most profitable kinds of stock a farmer can have."

BAILEY, D. :—" They thrive well and would be profitable if there was a market for wool."

HUNTER, J. M. :—" They do well on fenced-in pasture."

STARK, W. :—" Sheep are the most suitable stock for the country. No demand yet for wool and very little for mutton ; but I think I may say sheep are the hope of Manitoba."

McCREATH, W. & J. :—" They will do well, and will be profitable if grazed on timothy pasture."

- CAFFERY, D. :—" I believe sheep raising to be very profitable, but we have none yet."
- BARTLEY, N. :—" Sheep do very well here, better than in Ontario."
- STEVEN, J. :—" There are very few in this part, but I think they do well."
- RAMSEY, L. G. :—" None raised in my vicinity. Think sheep would do well here, but price of wool prevents farmers from keeping any."
- TETLOCK, W. :—" They thrive well. You bet its profitable."
- BANNISTER, D. W. :—" I have none, but my neighbours have, and they do well."
- UMPHREY, S. :—" Sheep do well and will certainly pay when a good market for wool is opened."
- THOMPSON, W. :—" Sheep thrive well and are profitable if properly cared for."
- GREENBANK, J. :—" Sheep do splendidly. There is not much of a market for wool."
- FLEMING, J. :—" Yes, but they require fences; this is why they are not more generally kept."
- CRAMER, G. W. :—" It is the best stock to raise."
- CRAMER, G. :—" The best place in the world to raise sheep."
- MACKIE, M. :—" Pay well here."
- MCKENZIE, K. (Senr.) :—" Thrive well, and so far profitable, and likely to continue to be."
- RENTON, J. :—" Very well. No wool market yet, but they pay to raise for mutton."
- MCCLELLAND, W. :—" Splendidly. Most profitable stock I have."
- CARR, W. :—" Do well. How can they do otherwise with our climate and grass?"
- GRANT, W. J. :—" Profitable in some parts."
- DUTTON, J. R. :—" First rate, and would form a good part of stock for mixed farm."
- MCFARLAND, J. :—" I have a herd; they do exceedingly well."
- SAVORY, H. W. :—" Certainly; better than any stock. Yes."
- JAMIESON, J. M. :—" Those who have tried it say most profitable."
- GRAY, J. L. :—" Do well and are very profitable this year."
- BOWES, J. :—" Yes; I have a few and never saw them thrive better."
- McKELVY, W. :—" There are very few here; they do well."
- MARTIN, O. :—" Not many in this part; do well."
- CHRISTOPHERSON, S. :—" Yes, one of the most profitable industries."
- NICHOLSON, J. :—" Thrive prodigiously, nothing more profitable in my opinion."
- JOHNSON, C. :—" Splendidly; and are most profitable."
- LLOYD, A. :—" Too many coyottes here at present."
- McKAY, R. :—" Seemingly. Splendidly."
- SMITH, T. :—" Splendidly. No fear of foot-rot."
- SEEBACH, O. (J. P.) :—" Yes; and it can be made very profitable."
- McKINNON, J. :—" Did not thrive with me."
- PROCTOR, H. :—" Have 100 sheep which do well with very little care."
- MORTON, A. :—" They do well; sheep raising is very profitable."
- MACKENZIE, A. :—" Thrive very well, just the country. The land along the C. P. R. is particularly suitable for sheep farms."

FARM-HOUSES.

It may be useful to supplement in settlers' own words the information given on this point in the general pamphlet, "Manitoba." Representative answers only are given.

The question was, "Of what material did you build your house; name approximate cost."

Logs. It did not cost me anything, I built it myself.

Logs, with a sod roof. Two days' labour, two men and a yoke of cattle. Cost nothing except labour; cut and hewed the logs myself, sawed the floor out of logs by hand, and put them up with a thatched roof.

Logs. Two weeks' labour for one man.

Logs. I cannot say; my eldest boy of 12 and I put it up.

Logs. 16s. 8d. cash, built by myself, family living in it now.

Built of poles and covered with sod. £1.

Logs and thatched. £2; it was a small house.

Logs. I built my first alone, so it did not cost much, say £2.

Frame. About £2 4s.

Logs. £3 12s.: nails, £1: windows, 12s. 6d.; door, £1 4s.; did the rest myself.

Logs. Built by contract by half-breeds, complete for £5.

First house, logs lined with lumber, £6. Present house, frame, £50.

Logs, thatched roof, lumber floors and door. About £6, besides my own labour.

Logs. This year (1844) I have built a neat frame house, costing £100. First log house cost £7 4s.; size, 14 by 18 ft.

A frame shanty, tar papered and sodded. £10.

Logs, half a window, and lumber for door, and log-floors upper and lower. £10.

Logs. Lumber, shingles, nails, windows, and lime, cost £12.

Lumber house, but intend to build a stone one next year. £20.

Logs. About £20, besides labour. I have built a frame house since. The material cost £60.

Logs, which cost 50 dol., hewed and laid on ground. Lumber, &c., I had to team from Winnipeg, about 80 miles. Altogether, cost me £30.

Partly logs and partly of clay and hay mixed. About £30.

Built of logs, plastered with clay, and covered with lumber. £40.

My first house was built of oak logs. About £40. I have now a frame house up.

Logs, with a good shingled roof, 18 by 20. £40, besides my own labour.

Hewed log, 18 by 24, with kitchen attached. About £50.

Logs, size 21 ft. by 25 ft. £60.

First house of logs, £70; another just completed, costing £300.

Log walls with board and shingle roof, and lined inside. £80.

Logs, lined with lumber. We built two, one on each homestead, costing £80 each.

Frame, 18 by 24, and shingle roof. About £95.

Of hewn poplar logs. Counting my own work, £100.

Frame. £100. A two-storey house, 18 by 24 ft.

Frame house 24 by 24; 4 rooms and 2 garrets. £110.

Frame. £120. Brought the material from Ontario with me. 18 by 26 size.

Frame 50 by 35, two-storey. £200.

Frame, 20 by 26, two-storey high. £200.

11 rooms, lathed and plastered, cellars to full size of the house, with double stone wall. Frame fetched from Ontario. Mine is considered one of the best farm-houses in the North-West. Cost £320.

Frame and grout stable, £200.

Frame, £600; filled in. £500.

THE FIRST SEASON'S CROP.

The following are representative answers to the question, "Do you consider that a partial crop can be obtained during the first year of settlement off 'breaking,' and if so what is the best seed to sow?" From them will be gathered the experiences of settlers themselves. In speaking on this point of so much importance in the early days of settlement, it may be well to explain that "breaking" is ploughing the virgin soil of the prairie. When the sod is "broken" the weeds and roots are allowed to rot thoroughly, and if then the sod is replaced into its former position, the land is said to be "backset."

I have oats this year, 30 bushels to the acre on three-inch breaking.

Yes, but it is best to do without it if possible; have seen fair crops from wheat, oats, and barley.

Yes, and a good one too, of oats, barley, turnips, potatoes, and vegetables.

Have had 30 bushels of wheat off first breaking (6-in.), and good crop of oats.

If breaking was ploughed deep, say 4 inches, I believe flax would do well.

Do not approve of cropping on sod. Tried it but got poor crop.

You can get a very fair crop off heavy land without backsetting.

Yes, flax seed best. Wheat and oats will grow fair crops if sown early.

We got half a crop of wheat and barley, but oats are the best. I have had 65 bushels per acre.

A partial crop may be obtained, but it does not pay, as the following crops suffer.

If anything is sown on breaking, it should be oats, but all say that it is injurious to sow on land the same year that it is broken.

Yes. Had potatoes, oats, peas and flax first year; also garden vegetables. Ploughed furrow, put down row potato sets, turned next sod two inches thick on them. Proceeded in every third furrow; never touched them after till ploughed them out; had half a crop.

Oats will do on the breaking first year, and be a very good crop. Flax does grand on breaking.

Not always. I have seen 40 bushels to the acre, and sometimes not more than 10, but it is always wise for a new settler to try a little.

No, it spoils it for crops after.

Yes, but do not consider it profitable to do so, as the next or following crops are never so good; if done, sow oats.

There can, but would not recommend it except for potatoes. I have grown the finest crops of potatoes the first year. It also leaves the land in the finest condition for crop the next year.

I raised a good crop of oats and peas by ploughing 4½ inches deep, and have a good crop of wheat on the same ground without ploughing.

I sowed Fyfe wheat on the first breaking, and raised 30 bushels per acre.

You will realize a good half crop on breaking, especially fall breaking, but I do not recommend it, as the following crop is sure to be light, as too much grass grows, and the sod is not properly rotted.

Yes, a crop of oats. From 30 to 50 bushels can be raised.

The first year I raised 35 bushels of oats on fresh breaking.

Oats will grow from 40 to 50 bushels per acre. Potatoes and turnips a fair crop.

I have 35 acres of wheat on last year's breaking, which will yield about 20 bushels per acre.

Yes, oats. I have grown last year 40 bushels per acre on 23 acres.

On scrub land, first year good; but on prairie land better to break and backset.

Flax I consider the best paying crop on breaking; potatoes do well, and oats fairly well, when put in early. Flax should yield about 8 dollars per acre.

I raised last season 1,000 bushels of oats off 25 acres, weighing 40 lbs. per bushel.

BREAKING AND BACKSETTING.

The advisability of securing a crop during the first year on the breaking has already been dealt with, and it is now necessary to ascertain the cost per acre to a farmer doing his own work and including his own labour. An average price per acre may be taken as about 3 dollars (12 shillings), while backsetting generally costs 2 dollars to 2 dollars 50 cents (8 to 10 shillings). The rate per day may be taken as from 1½ to 3 acres. The majority of settlers, it will be noted from the following representative replies, consider backsetting in the autumn advisable, if not necessary, though it is evident that many find a good crop obtainable of oats and wheat without backsetting. Some few do not consider backsetting necessary, "as it gives the weeds the preference in the spring," and as "the grain would grow to straw." The questions asked were:—

"What is the cost per acre of breaking to a farmer doing his own work, and including his own labour? Do you consider it advisable to backset, and if so, state the additional cost?"

Breaking is worth 3 dollars (12s). Decidedly backset, price 3 dollars (12s.).

5 dollars (1l.) per acre. I do not consider it advisable to backset. It is better to seed on the breaking as early as possible, then you will reap a fair crop, but I am sure that you cannot reap a fair crop without the sod is thoroughly decayed.

2 dollars (8s.) If you want a good crop you must backset. 1 dollar (4s.) per acre.

About 2 dollars (8s.) per acre. It is advisable to backset, and it would cost a farmer about the same as breaking.

Breaking will cost about 3 dollars (12s.) per acre. Backsetting is advisable, as from 5 to 10 bushels per acre more can be grown from it, and backsetting can be done for 2½ dollars (10s.) per acre, and requires only about half the harrowing in spring.

About 4 dollars (16s.) per acre. Backsetting is more expense, but it puts the land in finer mould, and raises better crops; I approve of cropping first breaking. I consider backsetting as expensive as breaking, 4 dollars (16s.) per acre.

With a pair of oxen it costs but little, as the oxen live on grass and do well. The only expense is his board, 3 dollars (12s.) per week, and plough repairs about 30 cents. (15d.) per acre.

Parties have broken and backset in this vicinity this season for 5 dollars (1l.) per acre and boarded themselves. Backset by all means, but parties that want to have oats or peas first year may proceed in one of two ways: plough 4in. deep and harrow on cover; or sow on the prairie and plough down.

1 dollar (4s.) per day will board a man and a pair of horses, if he buys in bulk and boards himself. I find it best to backset black loam, but sandy loam may be broken deep and seed harrowed and rolled without backsetting.

About 3 dollars 50 cents (14s.) per acre. I do not think it necessary to backset, as it gives the weeds the preference in the spring.

A man with a span of horses can break from an acre and a half to two acres in the day. Late breaking in mellow land need not be backset. 3 horses on a sulky plough can backset 4 acres in a day.

2 dollars 50 cents (10s.) per acre for breaking, but if hired done it would cost about 4 dollars (16s.). I do not consider it advisable to backset in most cases, as the grain would grow to straw.

Breaking 1 acre per day, oxen 1 dollar (4s.), man 1 dollar (4s.), sundry expenses with ploughs, &c., 50 cents (2s.), or say 2 dollars 50 cents (10s.) per acre. Backset by all means, about 1 dollar 75 cents (7s.), or total 4 dollars 25 cents (17s.). To contract would cost about 6 dollars (24s.) to get the land ready for crop.

Break your land early in June, not more than 2 inches deep; instead of seeding on spring breaking, hire out with a Canadian farmer for a time. Backset in August, plough 4 inches deep. If done by contract it would cost for both ploughings 5 dollars (1l.) per acre.

Breaking 3 dollars (12s.). By all means backset the same fall, that gives you a chance to sow earlier in the spring, which is very necessary; then you can sow two weeks before you can plough. Backsetting is worth 2 dollars (8s.).

COST OF PREPARING LAND, SOWING, AND HARVESTING.

The questions asked on these important points were:—

"What do you consider the cost per acre of preparing the land and sowing it, including price of seed, grain, and also harvesting?" The following are representative replies, and they show an average of eight to nine dollars, the prices named being of course throughout the cost per acre:—

4 dollars 20 cents (18s.); made up of charges for cutting and binding, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.); stacking, 1 dollar (4s.); seed (6 pecks), 1 dollar 20 cents (6s.); harvesting, &c., 50 cents (2s.).

6 dollars to 8 dollars (11. 8s. to 11. 12s.) is a fair cost for well tilled crops.

12 dollars (21. 8s.) for preparing the sod, seeding and harvesting; 7 dollars (11. 8s.) old land.

This question depends whether done in his own family or having to pay wages. With me, I do all within own family, otherwise about 7 dollars (11. 8s.) from all points.

About 6 dollars (11. 8s.) being cutting with a self-binder.

Ploughing, sowing, harrowing, and rolling, 5 dollars 25 cents (11. 1s.); seed, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.); harvesting without threshing, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.). Total, 8 dollars 25 cents (11. 13s.).

Letting by contract I can get the work done as follows:—Putting in the seed, 1 dollar 25 cents (5s.); seed depends on price of wheat; harvesting, 1 dollar 75 cents (7s.), including twine.

10 dollars (21. per acre, this will always ensure you a first-class crop.

It depends on the kind of grain; wheat, about 6 dollars (11. 4s.) per acre; peas, more; oats, barley and flax, less.

First crop, 9 dollars (11. 16s.) per acre; second crop, 5 dollars (11. per acre.

Stubble ploughing, 2 dollars (8s.); harrowing, 90 cents (3s. 9d.); seed, 7 pecks per acre at market price; reaping, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.).

Preparing, 6 dollars (11. 4s.); cutting, 1 dollar 75 cents (7s.); sowing, 25 cents (1s.); shocking, 30 cents (1s. 3d.), with etceteras, equal 9 dollars 90 cents (11. 19s.) 4 dollars (16s.) less after first crop.

To take it out of the prairie, it is worth 8 dollars (11. 12s.).

Breaking, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.); backsetting, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.); seed wheat, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.); harrowing and sowing, 1 dollar (4s.); harvesting, 1 dollar 75 cents (7s.); stacking, 50 cents (2s.); threshing, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.); total 9 dollars 25 cents (11. 17s.).

If the farmer does the work himself, 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.) preparing the land; 2 dollars (8s.) for seed; and harvesting, 2 dollars (1s.); total, 5 dollars 50 cents (11. 2s.); or say 6 dollars (11. 4s.).

The first crop costs at least 8 dollars (11. 12s.) per acre. After that the cost is not so great, the breaking being done.

10 dollars (21.), and if well done will yield 30 bushels per acre of wheat, at say 60 cents a bushel would be 18 dollars (31. 12s.), leaving 8 dollars (11. 12s.) for threshing, &c., and profit.

Without your own labour it will cost about 7 dollars (11. 8s.) from sowing to stacking.

Near about 8 dollars 50 cents (11. 14s.) per acre. Seed, 2 bushels per acre at 75 cents (3s.) per bushel.

After first crop, 2 dollars (8s.) for ploughing; 75 cents (3s.) for sowing; 1 dollar (4s.) for seed; 2 dollars (8s.) for harvesting; and 1 dollar (4s.) for threshing. Total, 6 dollars 75 cents (11. 7s.) per acre.

I consider it will cost me hiring all labour, everything included, 8 dollars (11. 12s.) per acre, but don't think the first breaking should be included in first crop, but divided over say 5 years.

Two ploughings 8 dollars (11. 12s.); seed wheat (2 bushels at 80 cents) 1 dol. 60 cents (6s. 8d.); harvesting 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.); threshing 75 cents (3s.). Total, 11 dollars 85 cents (21. 7s.). Clear gain per acre with me 8 dollars 95 cents (11. 16s.).

7 dollars (11. 8s.) for ploughing twice; 1 dollar (4s.) for seeding, harrowing, and rolling; 1 dollar 50 cents (6s.) for seed; in all about 10 dollars (21. per acre.

If a man rented a farm he would have to prepare the land and find seed and harvest, and thresh for half the crops.

About 7 dollars (11. 8s.) per acre at first. Not so much when land has passed first crop.

5 dollars (11. per acre altogether.

DATES OF PLOUGHING, SEEDING AND HARVEST.

In view of the erroneous impressions often given to the general public in the old country by non-residents as to the duration of the farming seasons in the Canadian North-West, it is well to have the actual dates on which farmers commenced and ended the various important farming operations. It will be seen, from the representative replies given below, that ploughing may be said to commence, where so early operations are desired, in the beginning or first week or so of April—though ploughing is very often begun and well pushed on before the close of March. Fall or autumn ploughing is often carried on into the first week of November; some years have seen ploughing in December, and even on Christmas Day, but the last week in October may be taken as the average general period when the season's continuous ploughing operations close. Harvesting is generally carried on from the second week in August until the middle of September.

The question asked was, "What are the earliest and latest dates on which you commenced ploughing, seeding and harvest?"

Ploughing, April till November; I seeded 16 acres in March, 1884; harvesting in August.
Ploughing and seeding, 12th April; harvesting begins 20th August; am still cutting (September 13th).

Ploughing, 27th March; seeding, 24th April; harvesting, 24th August.

Seeding, 3rd of April, 1884; 14th in 1883.

Had plough working up to 6th November in 1882 and 1883, began 15th April; seeding, 20th April; harvesting, 29th of August.

I have sowed on 9th April, and ploughed till 15th November; harvested as early as 14th August in 1881.

Ploughing and seeding, 4th April; ploughing ending 20th November; harvesting, 10th August.

I sowed my wheat 28th of April this season, and it is harvested all ripe some days ago (September 12th).

3rd April, commenced ploughing and seeding finished; harvesting, 28th August.

Ploughing, April 8th; seeding, the same; harvesting, August 15th

Commenced seeding last spring, the 2nd day of April; harvesting, 20th August. It ripens on old ploughing sooner.

Some commenced seeding 28th March. In general, seeding commences 10th to 15th April. Harvesting 25th August.

I started ploughing this year on 25th March; last fall I ploughed till 10th of November: seeding, April 3rd to May 15th.

Wheat sowing, April 13th to May 20th; oats sowing, April 30th to June 15th; barley and peas, May 20th to June 20th.

Ploughing on 1st April; seen it done earlier. My latest ploughing 20th October.

Ploughing, 20th March to 1st April; seeding, 1st to 15th April; harvesting, August 10th to 25th.

Ploughing and seeding, March 25th; harvesting, August 14th.

Seeding, 27th March to 21st April; harvesting, 22nd August to 1st September.

Ploughing and seeding, last week in March; cut hay in July, and grain in August and September.

I stopped the plough the 2nd of October last, and started 27th of March; commenced to sow wheat April 2nd.

This year, ploughing, 15th March; seeding, 25th March; harvesting, 10th August; threshed, 9th September.

Ploughing, 26th March to October 25th; seeding, April 12th to May 10th; harvesting, August 20th to September 25th.

Ploughing and seeding in 1880, April 30th; 1881, 20th April; 1882, April 25th; 1883, April 27th; 1884, April 25th. Harvesting, August 13th to 27th; this year August 18th.

Seeding, 10th April, 1884; on land ploughed on 7th November, 1883.

Ploughing done last fall. Seeding, 25th March; harvesting, 1st of August.

Ploughing generally stops about the 1st of November, and starts about 10th of April. The severe weather about two months long. Seeding, early in April; harvesting lasted two weeks in August.

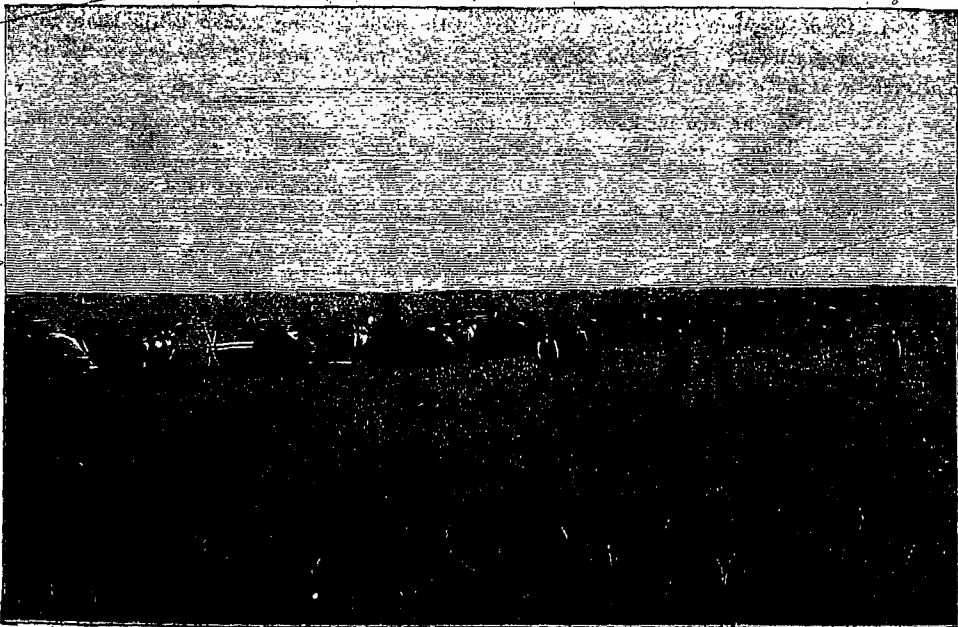
I have ploughed as late as 26th December, and as early as March 12th. Generally commence about 15th of April, and close 5th of November. Seeding, April 20th; harvesting, 25th August.

Don't plough in the spring. Seeding, March 26th to May 1st; harvesting, July 24th to August 18th.

Commenced seeding one year on the 7th March, but that was an exceptional year. Generally about the 21st of April commence to seed.

Seeding, 24th March; ploughing, 28th March, 1884. Stopped ploughing about middle of October, 1883.

In 1883 I sowed wheat 17th April; this year on 3rd April. Have seen good barley sown 20th June. Potatoes planted 11th July.



PLOUGHING ON THE PRAIRIE.

MIXED FARMING.

To the general settler the suitability of the prairie to cattle and sheep-raising is a matter of great importance; for the most profitable as well as agreeable mode of farming in a country such as the North-West is undoubtedly the combination of cattle-raising and grain-culture, and mixed farming generally. A steady and increasing importation to Manitoba of cattle and horses of good breed is now taking place, and the cheapness with which feeding can be carried on and the power a mixed system gives the farmer of making use of what would otherwise be wasted, must lead to a still further increase in the extent of stock-raising in the country.

Following are the representative experiences of settlers, and the unanimity of their replies in favour of the general desirability and profitableness of mixed farming will be noted. The questions asked were:—

“(1.) Is stock-raising profitable combined with grain farming where cattle have to be housed during winter? (2) What is your opinion of mixed farming, that is, stock-raising and grain-growing combined?”

1. Yes, and very healthy and hardy. 2. Mixed farming is best and turns everything to account.
1. Yes. 2. That it is far better than grain-farming alone, both for the pocket and the land.
1. It is the most profitable kind of farming. 2. That it is the most pleasant and profitable.
1. Yes, we have all to go in for mixed farming; find nothing pays better than stock-raising.
2. This is a great wheat country, no doubt, but I think it by far a greater stock-raising country.
 1. Stock-raising and grain-farming is the sure way of success; cattle can be wintered most of the winter on straw. 2. Mixed farming is the most reliable mode for succeeding well.
1. Yes, I consider it the most profitable way in the North-West where grass and hay are so plentiful. 2. Mixed farming is the best and most suitable in this neighbourhood.
 1. Cattle pay very well, but it is not advisable to keep a large stock where much grain is grown.
2. Cannot be done by a poor man to advantage; stock-raising on a small scale is all right.
 1. That is the true way of farming in this country, and by all means the most profitable and easy and the most comfortable. 2. The proper way to farm; and the farmer with 320 acres and mixed farming is the man who will succeed.
 1. Nothing better; if one misses the other hits, as stock is always a good price here.
 1. Yes, because your young stock will live at your straw all winter if sheltered from the winds.
2. Mixed farming is the safest.
 1. Stock-raising is profitable under any circumstances whatever. 2. I think mixed farming is the best.
 1. Yes, there is food in almost unlimited quantity; easily fed, and they fetch 50 or 100 per cent. more than in Ontario. 2. It is the best way to farm.
 1. Where there is plenty of hay, as here, the stock have, so far, been the most profitable of the two. 2. Highly desirable. More pigs should be raised to consume our coarse grains; the price of pork is likely to be high for some years.
 1. That is my way of making a living. 2. The stock eat the refuse grain and fatten on it, so your beef is improved with what would be lost if you had no cattle.
 1. We find stock-raising quite profitable here so far. 2. Where farming is done on a small scale I consider mixed farming will pay well.
 1. I consider cattle raising profitable where the land is suitable for both combined, and it is in many places.
 1. You can have 50 per cent. on your own money. 2. It does well with all.
 1. Stock-raising gives amusement to the ladies in making butter. 2. I favour mixed farming.

1. Yes, stock-raising pays well. 2. Mixed farming pays splendidly.
1. I think so, and am keeping 12 cows and their calves. 2. Sheep, pigs, and cattle, fed with oats, peas, and barley are profitable. We are too far from market here at present to grow wheat largely.
1. Yes. 2. Do not like it; as there is too much to attend to during harvest; should prefer either by itself.
1. Yes. 2. It pays as cattle are a good price.

GROWTH OF FLAX.

The following answers, taken at random, from the mass of testimony show that flax-raising may be carried on with considerable success in the Canadian North-West. The climate and soil are peculiarly suited to its growth, and it would seem to be especially useful as a crop on the breaking in the first year of settlement. The opening of milling facilities at Winnipeg is now further tending to extend its cultivation.

The question asked was:—"Have you ever grown flax, and how does it succeed?" Want of space forbids the publication of more than one reply of each class.

Yes. It will do well on land broken in fall (autumn).

Yes. It does very well indeed on new breaking. Not tried on backsetting.

Have sown twice, and had an excellent crop.

Yes, succeeds admirably.

Yes, two years, the best I ever saw.

Yes, on a small scale for home use; made splendid tweed.

Quite a success.

The first year on the raw sod, after breaking; it did well. I traded it for flour and seed wheat.

Grows splendidly.

I have grown flax, and it succeeded remarkably well.

Have 20 acres about ready to cut, and crop promises well.

Grew about 10 acres last year; fair crop, but owing to late sowing was frozen.

I have, and it grew wonderfully well.

Yes. 40 bushels per acre.

USE OF MANURE.

As will be seen from a perusal of the following representative replies on this point, that farmers generally in Manitoba and the Canadian North-West use manure but sparingly, generally only after the second year or so to prevent any exhaustion of the land.

"Do you consider it necessary to use manure on your farm, and to what extent?"

Yes. What time you can spare is well spent in manuring your land, although good crops are raised for many years without it.

On heavy land, no; on a few light spots, yes.

No, except for some things that require forcing.

Yes, in small quantities, after the second crop.

I don't think it necessary to use manure for years to come, my third crop being better than my first.

I have used manure to a few potatoes to try what effect it had along with others that were planted without manure, and they did no better than others.

I find manure benefits vegetables and root, but with grain it grows so heavy and lodges that it is hard to reap, and does very well, if not better, without.

Have never tried it; can grow good crops without it.

I believe manure at present would do more harm than good, but it is not so on all lands.

I believe manure is needed on the high land, after it is worked 9 or 10 years.

I do. I find that manure is as beneficial here as in any other country after removal of a few crops.

I have used a little, but it does not require manure.

Yes. One coat every three years.

No. My method is to take two or three crops from first breaking, and summer fallow this year what I want for next year, then I am ready to sow early, and it rots the land and keeps it clean from weeds.

Not necessary, but very desirable in garden for forcing vegetables.

Yes; then crops ripen 10 or 12 days earlier. About as much as used in Ontario.

Yes. I am this year using about two tons of stable manure to the acre on third-crop wheat ground, that is, successive crops of wheat.

The man that throws his manure away is no farmer. Let him try a piece of land with it, and he will be convinced. It will increase the grain 10 bushels per acre.

We manure very little; it makes the land too rich. My farm has been under cultivation over 20 years without manure, and it is still good to grow wheat, barley, or anything else.

Not necessary until four or five crops have been taken off, then the land would be better for it; but I have seen land where fifteen crops have been taken off without manure.

I consider that well rotten barn-yard manure will be very beneficial, as it would make the soil more mellow, and not so liable to bake after rain.

FENCING.

Wire fencing is preferred by many farmers to rail fences, the former requiring little repair and preventing drifts of snow. A wire and wood fence—consisting of pieces of wood connected at certain distances by wire has been patented, and may be purchased in Winnipeg. This kind of fence is a great improvement on the barbed-wire fence, the objection to which is that cattle injure themselves by running against it. The price of wire fencing varies according to the distance it is sent. As to fixing, two men could fix one mile in four days. The average expense of fixing, including wire or wire and wood fence, would be from about 20*l.* to 30*l.* per mile.

The question asked of settlers on this point was:—

"What kind of fencing do you use, and if possible state the cost of same per mile?"

Wire and wood rails. Wire 3 heights costs 20*l.* per mile. Wood rails cost the work of cutting and drawing.

Poplar. 8*l.* per mile more or less.

Posts of cedar, pine, rail on top, 3 lines of barbed wire posts 10 ft. apart and 2 ft. 6 in. on ground. Cost per mile, 75*l.* I am just fencing round my section in this way.

I use wire. It costs me about 20*l.* per mile for 3 strands of wire.

Wire fencing with posts one rod apart. 12*l.* per mile for wire, 2 strand; posts got for the hauling.

We don't use any fencing, as we herd all the cattle.

I have about equal parts of each. Rail fence cost 17*l.*; wire 25*l.* per mile.

Barb wire to fence a night park for cattle is all that is needed; they roam the prairie and come home at night.

Have herd law in force here. Have built about one mile; native posts, with top rail, and one strand barb wire, costs 15*l.*

Wire. I built 334 rods of fence this year for 18*l.* 4s.

Some rails, some wire; a rod of wire will fence 40 rods which costs 2*l.*; posts, 5d. each.

Wire. 20*l.* per mile with your own labour will make a good fence.

Wire, 2 strands, with pole on top; poplar posts. Wire costs 7*l.* per mile, labour and poles, 3*l.* posts, 2*l.*

Barbed wire, 2 wires enough; cost 12l. 16s. per mile, besides posts. Herd law here, no fencing required except for pasture.

Wire. 24l. per mile, 3 strands.

Wire. About 16l. per mile, not including work.

Rail at first, wire now and Tamarac posts at 1/4d. each in bush; 2 strands for 11l. 10s. a mile.

Wire, 2 strands. About 12l. 16s. per mile when you do your own work.

Poplar poles. About 8l. to me; people in other localities, where wood is not so abundant, use steel wire. Cost about 12l. per mile.

PRICES OF PROVISIONS.

This is a question best answered by the mother, wife, or sister of the household, she having direct management of such matters. Those interested should therefore consult what is said on this subject in the pamphlet, "What Women Say," though it may be of interest to give also the experiences of some men settlers in various parts:—

"How do you find the prices of the necessities of life as compared with those you had to pay before coming here?"

A little dearer than in England.

Much the same; prices get lower every year.

Prices are higher here than in the old country, but wages are higher also.

Groceries rather dearer and dry goods also. Flour, beef, pork, mutton, &c., cheap.

Prices to-day are slightly over those in Ontario. In a few years living will be cheap in this country, i.e., when farmers grow the principal necessities of life; they have not had time yet.

More expensive at first; about same now as we paid before coming here.

One can purchase goods here as cheap, if they buy them wholesale, as they could in Scotland, but retailers have good profits here.

They average from 10 to 15 per cent. dearer in this district, except meat, which is about the same.

A man can live here (Millford) as cheaply as anywhere after he has raised his own pork, flour, butter, and eggs.

They are now getting more equal, and many things are no dearer.

They were high at one time, but compare very favourably now.

Along the railroad, no dearer than when I left Ontario. There are some dearer, but on the whole we can't complain.

Heavy goods a little dearer, light goods not much difference; matters are improving now.

No difference now that we have a through route to Montreal through our own Dominion.

There is very little difference, except bacon and woollen goods, and they are getting lower.

A trifle higher, but not so high as when I came here first.

They were very high two years ago, but are very reasonable now, as there is everything necessary for the wants of the people shipped in by merchants and agents on the C. P. R.

Somewhat higher; not as much as I expected.

"HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR WINTERS?"

The replies to this question are interesting, as bearing upon the nature of the climate of the Canadian North-West in winter. The full postal address of each respondent may be found on pp. 3—6.

DALZELL, T.:—"In attending to cattle and getting fuel and fence posts."

BEDFORD, J.:—"Plenty to employ one on a farm, hauling wood, lumber, grain to market, &c."

WORKMAN, A.:—"Getting wood, tending to cattle, getting hay and making improvements, &c."

ASTLEY, W. J. and LANYON, R. E.:—"Cut wood, feed stock, hunt and go round visiting."

POLLARD, P. :—"Shooting, chopping, and general work."

POLLARD, H. :—"Plenty of work, but spend a good time."

GILMOUR, T. :—"A man with 160 to 320 acres is never at a loss to find work to do, if he attends to his business."

ROBERTS, L. L. :—"Cutting firewood and rails and looking after the stock."

McKIBBIN, J. P. :—"Attend to the stock, cut wood for fuel, go fishing (through the ice), and skating, &c."

SMITH, A. :—"Marketing, getting firewood, lumber, rails, and tending stock."

McCONNELL, D. :—"Feeding stock, reading the papers, and teasing the women."

STARK, W. :—"Tending cattle, getting out fencing, firewood &c. Always plenty to do."

CAFFERY, D. :—"Taking care of cattle, getting up wood, choring and reading newspapers in the evenings."

BANNISTER, D. W. :—"Tending cattle, getting our firewood, visiting our friends, and entertaining."

UMPHREY, S. :—"Getting fuel for summer and tending stock, thrashing grain, teaming surplus grain to market, &c."

THOMPSON, W. :—"Tending cattle, getting wood, teaming grain to market, and pleasure riding."

RALSTON, J. :—"Taking a good time generally."

McKENZIE, K., SENR. :—"Tending cattle, marketing grain, and getting firewood, &c., and going to church on Sundays."

CAMPION, R. E. :—"Hauling wood and grain, and cleaning the wheat for market."

LACEY, J. M. :—"Driving around, calling on friends and having a good time."

JOHNSON, J. :—"Teaming grain, &c., to market, and necessary work about farm."

CARR, W. :—"Looking after stock, doing marketing, seeing neighbours, reading, and other recreations."

DUTTON, J. R. :—"Hauling grain and wood. Plenty to do."

McGHIE, L. :—"Sometimes go out to hunt, and draw some firewood."

KINDRED, A. :—"Getting wood for fire and fencing and enjoying ourselves."

STEVEN, J. :—"Haul firewood and fence poles, eat, sleep, and enjoy ourselves."

JOHNSTON, G. P. :—"Visiting my neighbours."

CARDUFF, J. P. :—"Attending stock, getting wood for fire and driving about."

CARMICHAEL, W. :—"Waiting on cattle, driving, firewood and fencing, and shooting."

DAROUGH, C. :—"Fishing for pike and selling same by the ton."

DRURY, J. :—"Getting out firewood and fence rails, drawing produce to market, teaching the children and preparing for spring."

CURRIE, G. C. :—"Teaming wood, &c., and social pastimes."

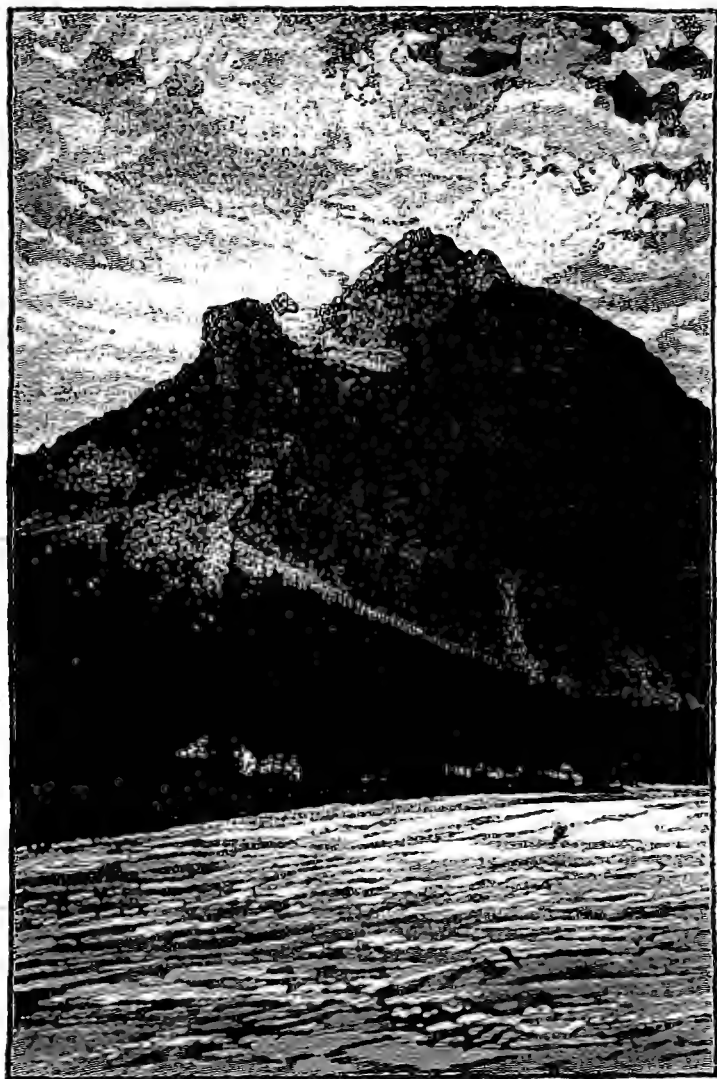
McKAY, R. :—"Caring for the stock, getting fuel, marketing grain, and putting seed and machinery in good order for first approach of spring."

HIPKINS, A. :—"Getting out wood, attending cattle, and with the wife, quite snug."

WENMAN, W. :—"In attending to cattle, getting firewood and marketing grain; every hour is occupied."

MILLER, J. :—"Getting out grain, firewood, home and shooting rabbits."

PROCTOR, H. :—"I first complete requisite work, then visit among the neighbours."



MOUNT STEPHEN, CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

SUCCESS OF SETTLERS.

Are you satisfied with the country, the climate, and the prospects ahead of you ?
Is there any advice you would give to intending settlers ?

DALZELL, T. :—" I am well satisfied. I consider this one of the best countries for stock raising and agricultural purposes in the world. The soil is the richest I have ever seen, and with the Canadian Pacific Railway running from ocean to ocean, we have an outlet both ways for our surplus grain and stock, which puts us on an equal basis with any part of the Dominion. There is room here for millions who are willing to work."

BEDFORD, J. :—" Many are crippled for want of capital. Many that had money at first are deficient in knowledge. Many are lazy, and some are extravagant, but any person coming to Manitoba, if he is strong and willing to work, with or without money, can do much better than in England or Ontario. A person with capital (say £600 to £800), and with judgment, perseverance, and frugality, can do much better than in England. I have now invested over £800 on 150 acres (less the first purchase), which is paying me a fair interest."

" I would advise any young man from England to work for some good farmer for a year or more. An Englishman has much to learn when arriving in Manitoba. If good farming does not pay, bad will not. I daily witness the bad effects of repeatedly sowing the same ground with wheat. In some of these instances persons are losing one-third of their crop, and with some the second crop is very bad. The third year for the future I intend to summer fallow about half what I sow with wheat and timothy, cut off the timothy the next summer, and plough immediately again for wheat, the rest will have barley between. Perhaps the above will not interest you; my remarks are intended for the public benefit."

SMITH, W. :—" I am well pleased. I cannot see anything to prevent a working man with say £200 to start him from doing well in this country."

ELLIS, J. :—" I cannot say but what I am. I am convinced that no better place can be found for any man to settle in than this country, but let him not come here with the expectation of planting potatoes, and digging up silver and gold. He must be diligent and careful, and not expect too much, nor should he cultivate too much land; what he does do let him do it well. It has been the curse of this country men going into farming on a large scale, and not getting their crops in till after the season for sowing was past. As was to be expected, the consequence was damaged grain in the fall, and then the country has to bear the blame."

BURNETT, F. :—" I have been pretty nearly all over the world, and am so satisfied with the country and my prospects that I guess I will be a fixture here for the rest of my days. I consider there is no country better, and very few to equal this in the way, in affording a man with a moderate capital an opportunity of building up a comfortable home for himself through farming. And if he does not make it a success, it is entirely his own fault, as no man need be a failure here if he will only work."

MOLLAND, J. :—" I am satisfied, and think the North-West a very good agricultural country for such as are willing to work."

GILMOUR, T. :—" To this I reply 'Yes' and 'No.' I can only speak of this part of the Province from personal experience and observation, as I have not travelled much beyond this point. My testimony is therefore confined to Pembina Mountain district, and is to this effect:—For a good healthy climate, a first-class virgin soil capable of producing from 20 to 45 bushels of wheat per acre, and a proportionately large yield of oats and barley and all kinds of roots, together with live stock of all kinds, this province has no par."

CARTER, T. :—" Why not ? If you or any other man can show me a better country than this for a poor man to live in, I will give you or him £100, and I will go and live there, but I am going to stay here until such a place is found."

MCGIBBIN, J. P. :—" Yes. I would say to intending settlers come quickly and secure land either by homesteading or purchasing railway land."

BELL, J. C. :—" Am well pleased with the country; prospects very good. People who are able and willing to work will do well in this country. The land is fertile and easily worked."

OLIVER, T. :—"Yes, I am satisfied. I have been in Australia, Scotland, and Ontario, and I consider the North-West the best country for a steady, industrious man to make a start and a comfortable home for a family."

AVERILL, O. :—"Quite so. I consider any man willing to work, possessing as much as £200 capital, has a much better prospect here than in the older countries, especially if he has a family to provide for, as they can live much cheaper here, having plenty of game for the shooting, and splendid vegetables, as well as great quantities of wild fruit for the picking."

BAILEY, D. :—"Very well satisfied. I believe at present an ambitious man can settle on a farm of 320 acres with the small sum of £70, and do well, if he has the brain and muscle to carry him along."

FERGUS, J. :—"Yes. I think that farming in the North-West will only be successful with those who understand farming. One can't sow any way or at any time; the ground must be well ploughed and harrowed. A great many come to the North-West who know nothing about farming, and fail; they then leave and give the country a bad name."

HELLIWELL, W. J. :—"Yes. My advice would be, come prepared to work and not to find a crop and house already on your farm for you. Make up your mind you will have to rough it for a time and that you will not pick up gold dollars at the end of every furrow you plough, but make up your mind to do plenty of hard work, and you will succeed and be comfortable."

NESBITT, G. :—"Perfectly satisfied. I have no personal ends in saying so, but I was born in the Lower Province and lived there till I was 23, and emigrated to Huron 1858. I am now growing old. I have always followed farming, and this is decidedly the finest country I have ever seen; the best climate and the easiest to make an independent living in. I often wonder at the fine young men working hard for their scanty living in the old countries, when they might be independent here at once. I think this place escaped the old curse; we have no thistles and the land brings forth in abundance. If we had only a few more railroads we should be all right. I hope the Rapid City Railway will come through here soon."

GRAY, J. L. :—"I am satisfied with country, climate and prospects, with some laws being reformed in due time. I have answered most of your questions according to my pioneer knowledge, as I went over 100 miles for supplies for my family. To-day I am only two miles out of City of Brandon limits; never dreamt of such a place. In conclusion I can safely say there is no other country I know of can surpass Manitoba in raising beef, grain and vegetables, and that of the best quality. As to intending settlers, all I can say is let them bring willing hands to work, a stout heart and a resolution that will not be shaken, and no fear but they will get on."

MCCREATH, W. and J. :—"I am satisfied with the climate. Our prospects are not much at present."

WRIGHT, T., and SONS :—"Not as well as we should like to be. We consider still that there are ample inducements for immigrants to come to this country, and the earlier the better."

SUTHERLAND, R., Senr. :—"I think the country is very much hurt by those who go into farming beyond their means. Thirty acres well put in is worth fifty half or poorly put in. If farmers farmed what they can do well, there would be less damaged grain. When land enough is broken, then every farmer can have summer fallow for his wheat. With a smaller acreage there will be more grain raised, and a far better sample. Those who are content with what they can manage, will raise the best grain, and are most prosperous. I was told by a man the other day that he put in over 100 acres last spring, with three horses, and ploughed a lot of it. He did not intend to reap but very little, as it would not pay for the binding cord. Now forty acres well done would be better than all that. People will soon see their folly; some see it now as they have ruined themselves by going on too large a scale. Let every man do what he can do well, and he will get along, no fear."

RAMSEY, L. G. :—"I am satisfied that although we have some disadvantages to contend with and tolerate, in time this is bound to be a good country. From my experience, and from what I read and hear of other countries, the Canadian North-West is as good, if not a better, country for a man to come to who is not making a living where he is. I consider that it has less disadvantage, and a better future prospect, than any other country I know of, but would not advise anyone to come to it who was comfortable, and making a living elsewhere."

MCBEAN, P. :—"Fairly satisfied, but there are drawbacks."

BAILEY, Z. :—"Yes, I am satisfied. I do not consider any place preferable to the North-West for a man with moderate means. I have heard of some few going to Western States from here, and now wishing they were back again. Any person to whom it is convenient to bring sheep or cattle would find it pay, but horses can now be got reasonable here."

BANNISTER, D. W.—“We are all happy and contented with our lot so far, thanks; we came for a good home. I can honestly recommend industrious agriculturists to the land of the free. The last six years I farmed in England I sunk £4,000 sterling. I left England 29th September, 1881, and I commenced on the open prairie 7th May, 1882. Now I consider myself worth—house and buildings: £300; cattle, £80; horses, £60; implements, £140; land, £600; all got by the industry of my own family. I have homesteaded six (all satisfied) within a few miles of myself, by letters I have written home.”

MALCOLM, J.—“Yes, but I may be disappointed. I like this country well, and I would like to see some of my old companions in Scotland here, for I am sure they would do well. I look into the future with a bright hope that in a few years I shall have bettered my position here. I know some who could get along in this country. I won't say any more, but guarantee the above to be all true.”

GOURLAY, J. W.—“Fairly satisfied. People coming to this country must not expect that they are coming to a paradise, but with industry and good management a man can make a comfortable home in about 20 years.”

SCOTT, A.—“Quite satisfied. In regard to raising vegetables, I was a gardener in Scotland for over 30 years before coming out here, and a very successful competitor; but I find that I can raise vegetables of more variety and greater perfection in size and quality in this country. I have also planted a large quantity of young trees in this district, and they are doing well.”

ALLEN, W.—“I am satisfied. I believe there are reports prevalent about blizzards here in the winter, and that last winter a man had to stay in the house for three or four days and dare not go out to feed his stock on account of a blizzard, yet knowing at the same time his stock was starving for the want of food and water. I believe it to be untrue, for I can safely say there was not a day all last winter that I was unable to feed my stock three times a day and water them.”

MACKIE, M.—“I am. Any man that has no way of living but working for it, this is the place for him, for in three years he can have a good home.”

BLEAKLEY, F. W.—“Am well satisfied. Prospects are good as soon as branch roads are built. As a grain growing country I believe it is not excelled by any in the world. The “Arctic climate” we hear so much about is more imaginary than real. Its broad acres of the most fertile soil, the certainty of crop returns, the *very excellent* prairie hay, its pasture land, but above all its very healthy climate, render it, in my opinion, a very desirable place for those wishing to better their circumstances by agricultural pursuits.”

PRINGLE, D.—“Yes, if we had a railroad (Southern Manitoba, now being opened up by branch lines) to take our produce. As a farm labourer from Scotland, I consider Manitoba a good home for all who will work on a farm. There are hardships to endure, but they are soon got over by all who are industrious and willing to work. Fortunes are not picked up at once here any more than in the old country.”

MORTON, T. L.—“Yes, fully. Too much importance cannot be attached to the necessity of mixed farming where practical. Stock of every kind give a surer profit, although not as quick a return in the first instance, as grain. There is too much talk about the land not needing manure, it certainly does after three years' cropping. I have raised 40 bushels of wheat an acre this year on land broken in 1874; it was four years in timothy prior to 1885.”

CAMPION, R. E.—“Very well satisfied. Am satisfied, could not do better elsewhere. People who have had some experience in farming will find no trouble in getting along and making rapid headway in this country. If they are willing to apply themselves, work pretty hard and manage carefully, they can become independent in three to five years. Mixed farming is the only sure system of success.”

STRATFORD, J. W.—“Yes. I think this country in every sense of the word an agricultural country. I admit the seasons are short, but the very long day which we have in summer I think makes up in some measure for the short season, and if farmers in general would be satisfied to sow less crops and get it in early and harvest early, they would, I think, succeed better than they do. In 1883, when crops were badly frozen, only late crops were damaged in this part of the country; early wheat was a splendid sample.”

MUDD, R.—“I am; what more can I say. Resolution, tact, and £240 is, under ordinary circumstances, sure to win. A strong, healthy man can obtain an independent position in this country. He will have hardships to encounter at the outset, none but what a vigorous resolution can surmount. I have surmounted them, handicapped as I am with a family of seven, the youngest a baby.”

RENTON, J.—“I like it better every day I am here, would not go back to Ontario to farm. After many years' experience in farming in Canada, I have no hesitation in recommending this part of Manitoba as a desirable place for settlers wishing to farm. I need scarcely mention the drawbacks, as all new and, indeed, old countries have them. I have already hinted at them. Our great drawback is the long distance from market, but we hope that will soon be one of the things of the past. This country has made wonderful progress, for when I came in the spring of 1880 the nearest house was about 27 miles to the east, none west, south or north nearer than the Elliot Settlement; now we have stores, post office, churches and schools, and the prairie all dotted over with houses, and thousands of acres under cultivation.”

McCLELLAND, W.—“Yes. I am glad that I struck on Manitoba. I have given you a true statement to all your questions, and I would strongly advise all those who have a little money and no farm of their own to lose no time in coming west. I for one would not go back to live in Ireland for any farm they have got there, and pay rent for same.”

PARSONS, J.—“Yes, I am satisfied. I am about five miles from Souris River, where there is a little timber, and about 35 miles from Souris Coal Fields, 70 or 80 from Moosomin, the nearest railroad, but I expect that sometime the South Western will be extended through this section. I think this country will be settled very much quicker than the older parts of Canada, and when settled as much as Ontario will very much surpass it.”

LACEY, J. M.—“I am greatly pleased with Manitoba; would not go back to England. I might add that in my opinion Manitoba is the farmer's paradise. I have farmed all my life in England, so I ought to know which I like the best. I mean to say that any man of a little capital, say from £150, can with moderate energy make a very comfortable home here, in fact, if I was in England with the like amount, I would soon strike out for the fair prairies of Manitoba, where I could get a home I could call *my own*. I am sure that if the country was properly represented, a lot of farmers with moderate means from around where I came from (Leicestershire) would come to Manitoba in preference to paying high rents in England.”

RAE, J.—“Fairly satisfied. One thing about this country which is against some people being satisfied with it is that they come here expecting too much, having only very limited means, and a great many no experience in farming, and scarcely in work of any kind.”

CARR, W.—“I am fifty-years old, and five of family—seven all together; we are all delighted with the country and prospects. My opinion is that it is the best country for farming that I know of; any man that will work three months in the year can live. There are thousands where I come from in the old country (Yorkshire) that would be better here, as they can never expect to do more than live in half poverty; here they can have 160 acres of the best land in the world for 40 shillings; that will be worth in a few years £1,000 sterling—in fact it is now, as a proof of which it will keep any family, and you can save money. If any of my numerous friends should wish to better their condition, come to this country at once, as these chances will not be for many years.”

McLACHLAND D. F.—“Quite satisfied as far as the country is concerned.”

SMITH, W.—“Yes; by all means use oxen. The first two years I think any one will do better to come than to stay on a rented place (in the old country), or work as a labourer.”

SPORT IN THE NORTH-WEST.

The autumn months afford a good opportunity for hunting and sport among settlers and visitors to the Canadian North-West. Useful hints are given on this question in the general pamphlet, “Manitoba and the Canadian North-West.” From these it will have been seen that for the English sportsman there is no lack of opportunity for excellent hunting, and it will therefore be of general interest to supplement the particulars already published by the following notes on the game and fish of the country, from the pen of the President of the Manitoba Gun Club:—

DUCKS.—Manitoba and the North-West Territories are the nursery for nearly all kinds of the duck species, and breeding-grounds for almost all the migratory birds of North America. Instinctively

taught, they begin to arrive as soon as the snow disappears, and remain until the ice coats the lakes and rivers. Led by nature, they come in full plumage, build their nests, hatch their young, and draw numerous sportsmen from the Eastern Canadian Provinces and England to the otherwise deserted districts. The different varieties are as follows:—Mallard, canvas-back, red-head or pochard, grey duck, black duck, teal, widgeon, pin-tail, shoveller, buff-head, wood duck, blue-bill, shell drake, and many other well-known species. These are our regular visitors.

Within twenty miles of Winnipeg they can be found in myriads. Headingly Marsh, English Lake, Long Lake, Lake Manitoba, Selkirk, and Oak Point are all rendezvous of our ardent sportsman: while the numerous lakes and coulees around Indian Head, down the Qu'Appelle valley, and across that part of the country, would seem to be their home. Even on the regular track from Prince Albert to the Mission, the traveller does not turn out of his way to find them, and unconsciously exclaims, "Where do they all come from?" Our native game birds are not so numerous, but are rapidly increasing, under the protection extended to them during the breeding season by our Game Laws. They include the pin-tail or sharp-tailed grouse, pinnated grouse or prairie chicken, ruffle grouse or partridge, spruce partridge, and ptarmigan. In flavour, the flesh of the pin-tail surpasses that of all the grouse family.

WILD GEESSE.—These are not native birds of Manitoba and the North-West Territories Churchill and James Bay (lat. 50 deg. 30 min. N.) seem to be their favourite breeding haunts, though in their migratory flight, they remain several weeks feeding upon the stubble, and afford excellent sport for the lover of the gun. The Snow Goose or Wyvis is a passing visitor, stopping only to feed or to take in ballast in its flights to and from the Northern Lakes; when feeding among the stubble they root up the vegetation and plough the ground as if a herd of hogs had been at work. The Canada Grey Goose, the premier goose of the world, is by far the most numerous—for nearly two months they pass in immense flocks, grazing in the stubble fields, and affording great amusement to the ardent sportsman.

SMALL GAME.—The smaller game birds are plentiful, and include Wilson's English Snipe, Curlew, Golden Plover, and Fallow Rape. They may be designated native birds, being found from April to October.

RABBITS.—Jack Rabbits are very numerous and met with in every part of Manitoba and North-West Territories, notwithstanding the great havoc made among them by the unerring aim of the Indians, Half-breeds, and other sportsmen. Hares are also numerous.

THE DEER TRIBE.—These Provinces are abundantly supplied with Moose, Elk, Cariboo, Black-tail, or Jumping Deer Antelope; and in the Rocky Mountains wild Sheep and Goat.

The **BUFFALO**, once so numerous, is almost extinct, though a few are found near Wood Mountain, North-West Territories.

THE MUSK OX inhabits the districts lying on the Peace and Mackenzie Rivers:

BEARS.—The Common Black Bear is very common indeed, while its relation, the Grizzly Bear, is sometimes met with in the Rocky Mountains.

FISH.—Few countries in the world afford greater sport to the disciple of Isaac Walton than this part of Canada. The various lakes and rivers teem with an endless variety of the finny tribe, but their capture seems to be left alone to the Indians and Half-breeds; the white settlers preferring the gun to the rod.

Lakes Manitoba, Winnipeg, and in fact all our large sheets of water abound with White Fish, Salmon, Trout, Pike, Maskilonge, Perch, Sturgeon, Bass, and many other kinds of the fish species, while the rivers are stocked with Gold Eye, Bass, Suckers, Cat-fish, and Pickerel.

The writer of this has traversed the greater number of the Canadian Provinces and many of the Northern States in pursuit of game, but Manitoba and the North-West Territories excel them all for quantity of game and ready access to hunting grounds.

The following extracts from private letters of some English and American gentlemen, who last year engaged in sport in the Canadian North-West, may be of interest to those who contemplate following their example. Writing on November 23rd, 1885, two English gentlemen say:—

"We could not have hit upon a better part of Manitoba for large game or small. We were, of

course, very fortunate in seeing so many Moose, but then the Moose were there, and anyone can do the same with ordinary perseverance. There is no doubt whatever about Lake Manitoba being a grand shooting-ground, with its swarm of ducks and geese. We were immensely struck with the climate. It is curious that in spite of the low temperature during the end of our stay, though the lake was frozen a mile out and more, we never felt the cold at all, and yet in England it would be quite impossible to stay out like that under canvas at the end of November."

Another gentleman, Mr. J. Maughan, of Toronto, writes on January 12th, 1886 :—

" Messrs. Ward, Warin, Small and myself left Toronto on the 19th of September, by the Canadian Pacific Railway, for Winnipeg, where we arrived on the 22nd, after a very pleasant passage, and receiving every attention from the employes of that railway, and the captain and officers of the steam-boat 'Athabasca.' On the 23rd our party left for Westbourne Station on the Manitoba and North-western Railway, and from there drove out to our camp on the southern shore of Manitoba Lake, near the mouth of White Mud river (filled with fish, such as maskelonge, pickerel, and pike, some of immense size), where we found everything ready for our stay. The weather was too warm for keeping game, so that for some time we amused ourselves fishing, and going through the marshes to get at the lay of the place for shooting when cold weather should begin. For several weeks the change in the temperature did not take place, but the section abounds with game, and we made up for lost time in getting to work. Thirty days' shooting produced a bag of 2,826 ducks (all nearly Mallards, grey ducks, and Gadwells), 16 geese, and a quantity of large plover, partridge, rabbits, &c., and even then the residents on the adjoining farms to the marshes informed us that the season was a poor one for game, on account of the water being unusually low. A more beautiful section of country could not be found than the belt of land extending south of the lake, in extent about 30 miles long by 16 wide, cultivated by good farmers who have lived from fourteen to twenty-three years there and grown rich."

A more delightful or healthy climate cannot exist in any part of the world if one may judge by this last fall's weather. In two months there was only one rain-storm, lasting for part of a day and night, the rest clear sunshine.

Two other English gentlemen writing from London on December 1st, 1885, speak of their sporting trip in the Canadian North-West, as follows :—

" Our sport was of the highest order. We found wild geese, swans, ducks and plover in unlimited quantities; of moose and elk we saw many and got seven. None of us ever before saw a moose alive. Four of the specimens shot were extremely large. We were very much impressed with the climate so clear and bright with almost continual sunshine. We slept out up to the 10th October under a canvas tent and not one of us had a cold. If we had done this in England, many unhappy results would have occurred. We have left all our outfit at Lake Manitoba and intend returning with a large number of our friends next season and would like also to go to the Mountains where we have heard much of the sport."

If, after reading this pamphlet, you desire further information on any points regarding the Canadian North-West, write fully regarding these points to the undersigned.

If you have not yet read the pamphlet, "What Women Say." sent free of charge, detach this slip and post at once to

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